

Eastwood Parish Church of Scotland

Crossbeam—November 2024

From the Manse...

Dear Friends,

I don't know about you but this year seems to have gone by very quickly. I'm sitting in the Manse, scratching my head, pondering if time moves at a quicker pace as we get another year older.

As I look over the last the year, it has definitely been one where we will all have experienced a plethora of emotions in a variety of situations. Emotions such as happiness, sadness, anxiety, doubt, may have arisen in all sorts of different areas, not just in our personal lives but in our Church life too.

And yet, as we move in to the Season of Advent, it is my prayer that we will all feel another emotion. The emotion of JOY. Joy - that God sent His only Son into our world to live as we live and to show us what is possible when we know God.

Yes, Advent and Christmas can bring about a variety of emotions within us. Gift buying, party planning, food preparation are all common stress inducers but I want to remind us to keep some room for feelings of Joy.

In this edition of Crossbeam you will find information about our Advent and Christmas Services and events. So, let me sign off by inviting you to join us in the Sanctuary or on our YouTube channel to experience Joy this year.

Your friend and minister,

Jim



Where you belong

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Social Events

Cluster Churches Events

We have now had two social events with our friends in the Auldhouse and Roukenglen cluster.

The first was held in Pollokshaws Parish Church in September and we all had a great time getting to know each other over a friendly but competitive beetle drive! Eastwood then hosted an evening of line dancing in October. Checked shirts, cowboy hats and boots were the order of the day as some ladies from Thornliebank Parish Church led us through the moves. Both evenings were good fun so look out for further information about what is planned for the coming months.

November's event took the form of a joint service of worship to introduce the new supplementary hymnbook 'God Welcomes All'. People from all 7 churches assembled in Williamwood Parish Church and it was wonderful to see full pews and the sound of so many singing voices.

Family Brunch

Our Christmas Family Brunch will be held in the Church after the Service on Sunday 22nd December 2024. This popular event requires pre-booking so we'll be looking for names from the beginning of December onwards. Adults £4/£6 for 1 /2 rolls and £2 for children. Look forward to seeing everyone there.

Anne Maree Smith

Mary's Meals

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your precious gift of £224.99, to Mary's Meals.

Your kindness is bringing food, joy and hope to the children who eat Mary's Meals, allowing them to make the most of their education and giving them the chance of a better future.

We've recently witnessed the life-changing impact donations like yours can have, in Ethiopia, where we have rapidly expanded our feeding programme to reach more than 110,000 children in the war-torn, drought-stricken Tigray region.

Across the world, more than 2.4 million children in 17 countries – including Ethiopia, Haiti and South Sudan – are sitting in classrooms with full stomachs and learning how to read and write. This is thanks to supporters like you.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your support, which is providing children with hope and the promise of a better tomorrow. With your beautiful gift, we will strive to reach the next child waiting for Mary's Meals.

Yours sincerely,

Marie Doyle

Interim Executive Director, Mary's Meals UK

Meet the Probationer

Hello to the whole Church Family at Eastwood Parish Church!

My name is William McCulloch and I have just begun my Probationary Period for Full Time Word and Sacrament (FTWS) Ministry. As of the 01 November 2024 I am under the supervision of your Minister, Jim, and I am looking forward to getting involved in the life of the congregation over the next 15 months. You may need to tell me your name a few times until I remember, please bear with me.

I am married to Hazle, and we have a son Euan who is 10 and we live in Neilston along with our two West Highland Terriers, Murdo and Barra. Neilston Parish is my home congregation where I was baptised and grew up through the Sunday School and the Church. I have been involved in many aspects of Church life and this included being the Beadle, an Elder and Property Convener.

The Church and my faith have always been a strong part of who I am and only on reflection do I realise that God had been calling me, I just wasn't open to this or wanted to think I could be a Minister. I did training through Presbytery to become a Local Worship Leader and this engulfed God's call for me.

Prior to training for Ministry, I began my working life as an apprentice joiner and once time served was a bench-hand joiner before I moved to a different aspect within my trade. I began lecturing in carpentry and joinery and construction in Reid Kerr College, now West College Scotland. I was lecturing for 17 years before I accepted God had other plans for me and resigned to take up training for FTWS Ministry.

The assessment and selection processes are very in-depth and encourages lots of reflection and prayer, as well as more forms than I thought possible, and I worked in education! My discernment placement was with Rev Yvonne Smith at Bishopton Parish Church and my first-year placement was with Rev Roy Henderson at Pollokshaws Parish Church. Sherbrooke Mossspark Parish Church with Rev Adam Dillon was my second-year placement and linked to this Adam

remained my supervisor and arranged for me to do part of my summer placement at the Preshal Trust in Govan. To complete the placements, I am required to do, I did the second part of my summer placement with Rev Jeanette Peel at Inverclyde Royal Hospital doing Hospital Chaplaincy. Last year I did 9 months Pulpit Supply at Kilmacolm: St Columba Parish Church, as well as doing Pulpit Supply in various other Churches for a week or two at a time. I have tried to ensure that I give myself as broad an experience as possible and try and learn from them all.

Woven in between the training was the academic studies at the University of Glasgow where I studied for a Bachelor of Divinity (BD), all the course work is completed and passed, and my formal graduation will be sometime in 2025.

As God has led me to Eastwood, I look forward to learning from you all and getting involved in the life of your Church Family.

Your brother in Christ
William.

Pause for Prayer

Father we come to you today, with thanks and grateful hearts.

You are the light of the world and we ask you to let our light shine for you, by our singing your praises and by our prayers

Help our faith to grow through our worship today so that everybody we have contact with will feel peace in their hearts.

Amen.

Knitting

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone (members of the church and also people outwith the church) who have been knitting over the last months jumpers, blankets, hats and soft toys for Hillpark School Malawi visit and the maternity units at the maternity hospitals. It has been overwhelming but very heart warming to receive all the knitting. Thank you all so very much.

Linda Smith

Church Family News

Jim and Senga would like to thank the Minister and Congregation for the beautiful gift of flowers they received on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. They would also like to say a special 'Thank You' to Isabel for giving of her time to deliver them. It is very much appreciated.

Margaret Marshall would like to say thank you for the flowers and card she received from the congregation. Also, thanks to Isabel for delivering them.

Mary Marshall would like to say thank you for the flowers she received for her birthday. She would also like to thank Isabel for delivering them.

Irene and Len Friend would also like to say thank you for the flowers they received recently, along with their thanks to Isabel for delivering them.

Mrs Morris would like to say thank you for the flowers she has 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.

Life and Work

Life and Work is the award winning magazine of the Church of Scotland

Every month this 52-page full colour magazine is packed with features, news and opinion on Christian life within Scotland and further afield.

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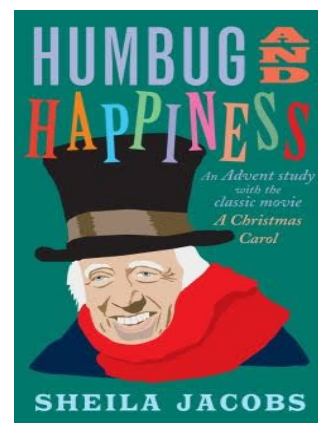
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Life and Work offers a subscription service which gives you the convenience of having Life and Work magazine delivered direct to your door or any digital device. You can also arrange for a copy to be delivered through the church. Please speak to Felicity Teasdale for more information.



Advent Study 2024

This year's Advent Study is based on Charles Dicken's "A Christmas Carol" and is called "Humbug and Happiness" by Sheila Jacobs. Everyone is welcome to join us for this 4 week course which will be held on the Sunday evenings of Advent, starting on Sunday 1st December at 7pm in the Sanctuary building. You can take part either in person or on Zoom. For the Zoom link please contact the Minister. This study could also be done alone. All you'll need is a copy of the film and the notes from the Minister.



Advent and Christmas Services 2024

1 December	11.15am	The First Sunday in Advent including the Sacrament of Holy Baptism
8 December	11.15am	The Second Sunday in Advent - The Gift Service
15 December	11.15am	The Third Sunday in Advent
22 December	11.15am	The Fourth Sunday of Advent – The Nativity Service
24 December	11.30pm	Watchnight Service
25 December	11.00am	Christmas Day Family Service
29 December	11.15am	Service of Lessons and Carols

The Gift Service: 8 December 2024

Once again this year we are supporting Glasgow City Council's Social Work Dept by asking for gifts for children and teenagers to be brought to Church on Sunday 8th December 2024. Any gift you can donate will be greatly appreciated. Please remember to include wrapping paper but do not wrap the gift. A card with the age of the child the gift is suitable for would be much appreciated. Thank you for any gift you can donate.

Advent and Christmas Collections

The over-arching theme of our Christmas services this year is the word: "JOY". We are looking to help spread some joy this Advent and Christmas by raising funds to support two different charities: Launch Foods and The Lodging House Mission (LHM).

Launch Foods is a Glasgow based charity which was set up in 2018, in response to Glasgow's child poverty rates, with the sole purpose of tackling child food poverty in Glasgow. Over the last six years, they have provided in excess of **750,000** free meals and want to do more. They believe that no child in Scotland should be going hungry in 2024. For more information about Launch Foods please go to www.launchfoods.org

The SWOP group suggests that all money raised from our Church Family BIG Christmas Card, from tea and coffee served after the services and from the Family Brunch on the 22nd December will be donated to Launch.

At our services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day there will be retiring collections to support the work of the Lodging House Mission (LHM). LHM has been a source of support to homeless men and women in Glasgow for over a century

We are also mindful that it can be difficult to support every charity that needs help. All are equally deserving. No-one should feel obliged to donate but if you can, your donation can make a difference. A donation can also be made through the Church bank account. In the reference box please write either "Launch" or "LHM" to indicate which charity you wish to support.

Jim Teasdale

Christmas Wishes

My wish for you is a Christmas bright
With mistletoe and candlelight
Love and laughter all the way
Enough to last till New Year's day
And then a year that follows through
When all your Christmas dreams come true
For Christmas is a time of Peace, joy and love
But most of all I wish you love.

Contributed by Helen Wade

Helen hopes you all have a happy time this Christmas.

Friendship

A friend is someone who lifts you up,
When everyone else is bringing you down.
A friend is someone who listens to your troubles,
And woes, without judging, just advising.
A friend will be there when they are needed,
Even when no one can be bothered.
A friend won't mind if it has been a week or a month,
She will be happy to hear from you.
A friend will understand when you are having
A bad day, or an everybody-against-me day.
A friend is priceless, like laughter, tears, summer rain and sunshine,
And these things together we will share.

CHRISTMAS WORDSEARCH



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TINSEL
TREE

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GIFTS MADE EASY

What's On At Eastwood

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SUNDAY		
11.15 am	Worship	Rev Jim Teasdale
11.00 am	Sunday School (age 2 to 16)	Katie Morrison
7.30 pm	Faithbook (Third Sunday of the month) - Online Only	Erika Watt
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	Katie Morrison
1.45 pm	Carpet Bowls (from October to March)	Linda Smith
7.00pm	Mansewood/Hillpark Community Council (first Wednesday of the month)	
THURSDAY		
5.45 pm	Coyle Irish Dancers	Suzanne Coyle
FRIDAY		
9.30 am	Slimming World	Jackie Quinn
7.00 pm	Badminton (from September to May)	Anne Maree Smith
SATURDAY		
10.30 am	Coyle Irish Dancers	Suzanne Coyle

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