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NOVEMBER WORSHIP

We are pleased that Rev Eric McLachlan, our locum in 2017-18, has offered to assist us further during our vacancy and will conduct Worship on 6th, 13th and 27th November.

Our Interim Moderator Rev Kleber Machado will lead us on Sunday 20th November.

We look forward to welcoming Eric and Kleber again to St John's-Renfield.

The Gillans - An Update

In case you have seen Stewart, Sarah, Imogen, or Alexander out and about in Kelvindale and are wondering why when Stewart left at the end of April to take up the ministry of St Andrew's Jerusalem well...

Firstly, there has been a delay in them getting their visas to enter Israel and secondly even when the visas are granted it takes 2-4 months for formal permission to enter the country to be granted. Stewart is hopeful that permission will be granted either in November or possibly December.

This has obviously caused the Gillan's many problems not least Imogen and Alexander's education. Both children are now back in school however so that their education is not unduly affected the family decided that Sarah, Imogen, and Alexander would remain in Glasgow until the end of the school year next June. Stewart will however move to Israel when he receives permission.

In order to assist the Kirk Session agreed that the family can continue to live in the manse until next summer. This assists both Sarah and the children in not having to move resulting in all the upheaval that entails and additional travel to school but also means the manse will be occupied over the winter rather than lying empty during our vacancy.

We wish the Gillans well at this time and keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

Graham Moore

PARISH RECORDS

By Certificate of Transfer

Rev. Ian Johnson and Elspeth Johnson of Whittinghame Court, Great Western Road.



SJR – Welcome Team Door Duties

**November'22 6th, 13th, 20th and
27th**

Lead Elder: Fiona Robinson with John Finnigan and Annette Watt

Reserve: Christine McCann

BONANZA

Saturday 12th November

10am to 12.30pm

St. John's-Renfield Church,
Beaconsfield Road, Kelvindale



**Books * Bottles
Car Wash**

Raffle * Toy Stall

Discarded Treasures

Jewellery * Toiletries

Time, Talents & Treats



Adults £2.50 * School Age Children £1.00
Includes Tea/Coffee + Piece of Homebaking
Please bring cash – we are unable to take card payments

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HAVE YOU HEARD THAT...

this month the Lodging House Mission is keen to showcase 'Space to Breathe' a room for quiet time, listening ear and prayer.

Every Thursday volunteers are needed to staff the room between 10-2pm. Volunteers need to have a heart to listen with people and pray with them in a non-judgmental way, sensitive to their Bereavements and Childhood Trauma. Contact the chaplain and add your name to the rota: Cherbert@churchofscotland.org.uk

our own Mackintosh Choir Christmas Concert is on Sunday 11th December at 7:30. Please come along and give them our support.

the Editor is on prolonged leave of absence in Southern California in November. In his absence the role is in the very capable hands of Ann Cassels. Please direct material for December, always remembering that the following edition is the February one, to atscassels@gmail.com



LODGING HOUSE MISSION NEWS

October has been a busy month for our team.

Due to increased demand for our sit-in service, we have discontinued the take-away options for now. We continue to need more volunteers to serve at tables on weekdays.

Whilst our Harvest Service was cancelled following the death of Her Majesty the Queen, we are delighted to say the Moderator will join us for Christmas Carols on 15th December at 2.30 pm.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The SUCESSFUL Harvest Appeal 2022 has filled our stores. Making possible our free meal service for the year to come. This month we served 789 Breakfasts and 1439 Lunches. THANK YOU for supporting our Harvest Appeal 2022



On Harvest Sunday the beautiful church flowers were augmented by ears of wheat



Bonanza 2022



The Bonanza is back and will take place on Saturday 12th November 10am till 12.30 at St John's-Renfield Church.

Come and join us and help us raise much needed funds for our Church.

Tickets, available on a Sunday morning or at the door on the day, are £2.50, to include tea/coffee and a piece of home baking, and school aged children £1.

The following stalls will be there and donations as described will be very welcome.

Book Stall - paperback and children's books only. No hardbacks please.

Bottle Stall - donations of any kind of bottles

Car Wash

Discarded Treasures - small household items, ornaments, pictures, etc. No large items, please.

Jewellery

Raffle - raffle prizes welcome

Tearoom

Time, Talents and Treats

Toiletries - unused toiletries

Toy Stall - toys and games in good condition

Donations can be brought to the church at the following times:

Thursday 10th November between 7 and 9pm

Friday 11th November between 10 and 12 noon

Friday 11th November between 7 and 9 pm

Please note that we only accept cash payments on the day. No card facilities available.

We would be delighted if some volunteers can help with the clear up at the end of the event.

Further information or any queries to:

Isobel Digges - isobel.digges@hotmail.co.uk

Shirley Tassell - shirleytassell@aol.com

We look forward to seeing you and your donations!

Isobel, Shirley T and the Ways and Means Team



Mrs Juliet Robb is coming to the Service on Sunday 27th November, under the auspices of **The Olive Tree**, selling Palestinian gifts for Christmas



Support our Church of Scotland's provision of social care to many thousands of people every year



The 2023 calendar available at special price £4.60

Copies available from Jim MacDonald while stocks last



Pop-in Café

Join the Halloween fun at our community
café!

Wednesday 2nd November

From 2- 3.30 pm

At the Large Hall, St. John's

Renfield Church,

Beaconsfield Road, Kelvindale



Free Tea, Coffee, Cake

No booking required

Bring the kids - everyone is
welcome to join the fun and
chat



Contact us: office@sjrchurch.com or call
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Cluster Group Activities

BROOMHILL HYNDLAND PARISH CHURCH

WINTER BAZAAR



ADULTS £2
CHILDREN £1
*Includes refreshments

SAT. NOV 19TH
FROM 2-4PM

KINGSBOROUGH
GARDENS SANCTUARY
79-81 HYNDLAND RD

HAMPERS
GIFTS
LUCKY DIP
BOOKS
JEWELRY
& MORE!

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The Boys' Brigade
5th Glasgow Company
<http://5glasgow.boys-brigade.org.uk>
5thglasgow@boys-brigade.org.uk

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Boys' Brigade News

October was a bit of a stop-start month for Company Section due to the school holidays, however we returned to action late in the month with an evening filled with Halloween games - of course, this involved eating and getting dirty, which our boys enjoy!

Pte Felix Russell and Pte Jackson Burns participated in the first Partick District competition of the session - the 5-a-side football at Scotstoun. In a combined team with the 44th, Felix and Jackson were runners up. Our next District competition will be 10-pin bowling in November.

Our Senior boys are continuing with their Queen's Badge work and we are delighted that Pte Thrinei Davabalan is about to complete his work to gain the President's Badge and will soon start his journey towards the Queen's Badge.

The Seniors have also been set the task of leading one Friday parade night towards the end of November. We await with bated breath to see what they deliver!!

An important announcement - we are delighted to say that the renowned BB Quiz & Chippy Night will return, for the first time since 2019, on Saturday 21st January 2023 in the Large Hall at 7.30pm. Tickets will be on sale soon, at £10 per person. Ticket enquiries should be directed to Allan Watt at the following email address: allanwatt74@gmail.com

Finally, please remember, if you know of any boys from P7 upwards who would like to join us then please don't hesitate to get in touch. They will be made most welcome.

STEDFAST



GUIDES, BROWNIES & RAINBOWS

Guiding at St John's is doing well, we have a new Leader Megan helping at Rainbows.

Brownies on a Tuesday Evening 6.00pm-7.15pm could do with a few more, so we are looking for 7-10 year old to come along and join us. Since we started we got 5 new girls and 1 has now moved up to Guides.

Guides have been working on several Interest Badges e.g. In Mixology Guides had to design a mocktail and have taste



tests, Confectionery, they made empire biscuits, designed a chocolate bar or sweets and had a taste test with different chocolate, to decide which was cheapest and most expensive, they did very well with chocolate taste test! The Guides are still working on Meditation.

We have 22 Guides and they will be helping out at Bonanza at the Toiletries and Raffle Stalls.

Our joint Halloween Party is 25th October with Brownies and Guides.

Eileen Wilson



We are looking for new Brownies between 7 – 10 years of age to join Brownies on Tuesday Evenings in Brotherton Hall from 6.00pm – 7.15pm.

ART IN THE GART



RECOVERING WITH NATURE IN THE
GROWING SPACES OF
GARTNAVEL ROYAL HOSPITAL

The flora and fauna at the Walled Garden and Summerhouse beds of Gartnavel Royal Hospital's creative volunteer programme, Art in the Gart, offer tranquillity, a



plant stall to generate donations to help support the garden development plus an easy way to stay connected to nature.

If you have visited the Growing Spaces recently, you will have noticed that acute mental health services Garden Volunteers have installed a Polytunnel

alongside the Summerhouse, complete with beautiful recycled cedar-wood raised beds. It will allow the garden volunteers to bring on more plants for the donation stall, the Growing Spaces around the area and Gartnavel Royal Hospital ward gardens.

And, thanks to estates colleagues on site, two new garden gates have been installed at the steps to the Sunflower Space and also at the steps into the Summerhouse area. The style of the gates is a nod back to the first days of Gartnavel Royal Hospital in the 1840s. Keep your eyes open for more infrastructural improvement over the next couple of months.

As the new sustainable growing vision takes shape, Garden Volunteers have seen an increase in the variety and quantity of what is cropped, including a good harvest of OCA and YACON. These easy to grow tubers are a tasty alternative for other root veg such as sweet potatoes and

potatoes. Try it out and see how easy they are to grow and enjoyable cooked.

Things are beginning to slow in pace a little, but true to form, the garden volunteers will be out in all weathers. Be sure to give a wave when next you see them.

We will be recruiting more garden volunteers in February 2023. If you would like more information, please don't hesitate to get in touch at Fiona.Sinclair6@ggc.scot.nhs.uk or leave a contact email (preferable) or phone number with any of the volunteers.



Hello Children,

It's been a while since I wrote to you all. I hope you are all well and enjoying Autumn. I have got an Autumn wordsearch for you, happy hunting the words. Have a good month.

Beacon Butterfly



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LEAVES
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CHARLES RENNIE MACKINTOSH (1868-1928)

For many years, I have had a fascination for the designs and creations of Charles Rennie Mackintosh. Earlier this year for my sister's 90th birthday, I gave her a brooch with a CRM design. On 6th October, an ambition was realised when I visited the Hill House in Helensburgh in a group from Kelvin Probus Club. We were warmly welcomed by friendly staff in the shop and the cafe. Hill House is larger than I anticipated. Before exploring the interior of the building, we were able to walk round the steel-framed structure, 'The Box' which at present protects the house from the rain. For the present and future generations, the National Trust for Scotland put the cover in place in order to dry out the building, the stonework of which has been penetrated by water over the years.



The house was designed by Mackintosh and built for Blackie family, wealthy publishers, who lived there for 50 years. It was interesting to see how a shower was constructed in those early days and how a kitchen looked in those times. Recipes that were used then were on view. Examples of the skill in interior decoration of Mackintosh's wife could be seen in some of the rooms as well as some of his furniture, including his distinctive chairs. The couple worked successfully together on such projects. He said that he had talent but his wife had genius. Charles Rennie Mackintosh was born in Parson Street, Townhead,

Glasgow. His father, William McIntosh, was a superintendent and chief clerk in the City of Glasgow Police.

Charles was the fourth of eleven children. He had five brothers and five sisters. His mother's maiden name was Rennie. Later, for a reason which is unexplained, he changed the spelling of the family surname. His wife, Margaret MacDonald (1884-1933) was born near Wolverhampton. Her younger sister Frances was also artistically talented. Through his work as a colliery manager, their father, a Glaswegian, moved his family to Firpark Terrace, Dennistoun, Glasgow. Charles and Margaret met at the Glasgow school of Art, which was then based in Ingram Street. Frances and her husband Herbert McNair, met in a similar way. The two couples, known as 'The Four', for some years worked successfully in business partnership.

In 1998, Myra and I read an article by Michael Tumelty in The Herald intimating a musical event in Queen's Cross Church, Maryhill. It was a recital by Melissa Forshaw, a brilliant young Glasgow violinist who later studied at one of the world's best music schools, the Juilliard in New York. We had the joint privilege of being in the only church built to Mackintosh's design and hearing Melissa's beautiful playing. The building no longer serves as a church but is the headquarters of the Charles Rennie Mackintosh Society.

Regrettably, I never visited the Glasgow School of Art in Renfrew Street which was been ravaged by fire on two occasions. It is perhaps the outstanding example of Charles Rennie Mackintosh's architectural skill. Hopefully it will be restored to its former standard in the coming years.

I have been able to visit The House for an Art Lover for lunch a few times and found it a pleasant place. It is a popular venue for weddings and other social events. It was built between 1989 and 1996 to a design by Mr and Mrs Mackintosh which had lain unused since 1901. I intend to visit the Willow Tearoom in Sauchiehall Street, perhaps for afternoon tea.

The building has been completely refurbished fairly recently. It is further evidence of the creative talent or genius of Charles Rennie Mackintosh, perhaps with the assistance of his wife, Margaret MacDonald.

John MacMillan

ARMISTICE 2022

There are four war memorials to be seen as we sit in church. Three from the Great War are on the left. These commemorate the fallen from the three churches that came together to form St John's Renfield: St John's, Renfield and Hyndland United Free. They were placed in the new building as it rose, around 1930.

The fourth is facing the worshipers, unveiled in February 1949.

Recently one of those 'History at school was boring' types confessed that while on duty behind the scenes during the service, he had read a small pamphlet with the title '*The background and deeds of men whose names appear on the World War 2 memorial.*'

His tune had changed, 'I found this very, very interesting.'



Only eleven names, yet a fascinating insight into the second world war, all three services represented, the youngest 21 the oldest 39, all Britain's major theatres involved yet one of the fallen was buried in Lisbon.

Copies of the pamphlet are available at the east vestibule and on the table at the rear of the church for a donation.

LIFE AND WORK

NOVEMBER 2022

A Final Farewell

Lynne McNeil reports on the days following the death of Queen Elizabeth II, and the unexpectedly significant role of the Church of Scotland.

Tributes and memories from former Moderators, chaplains and the Queen's parish ministers.

Dianne Sanderson tells of her experience queuing to pay her respects at St Giles' Cathedral.

'Look at People'

Jackie Macadam learns about the life and calling of the Rev Professor John Swinton, whose journey has taken him from mental health nursing to the ministry, academia and King's Chaplain.

Support Armed Forces

In the month of Remembrance, churches are invited to consider how they are responding to the Armed Forces Covenant, five years since the Church of Scotland signed up.

A New Chapter

The Church of Scotland's ministers in the Holy Land reflect on the importance of the Church's presence in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories.

Faith in Action

Official monthly update from the Faith Action team

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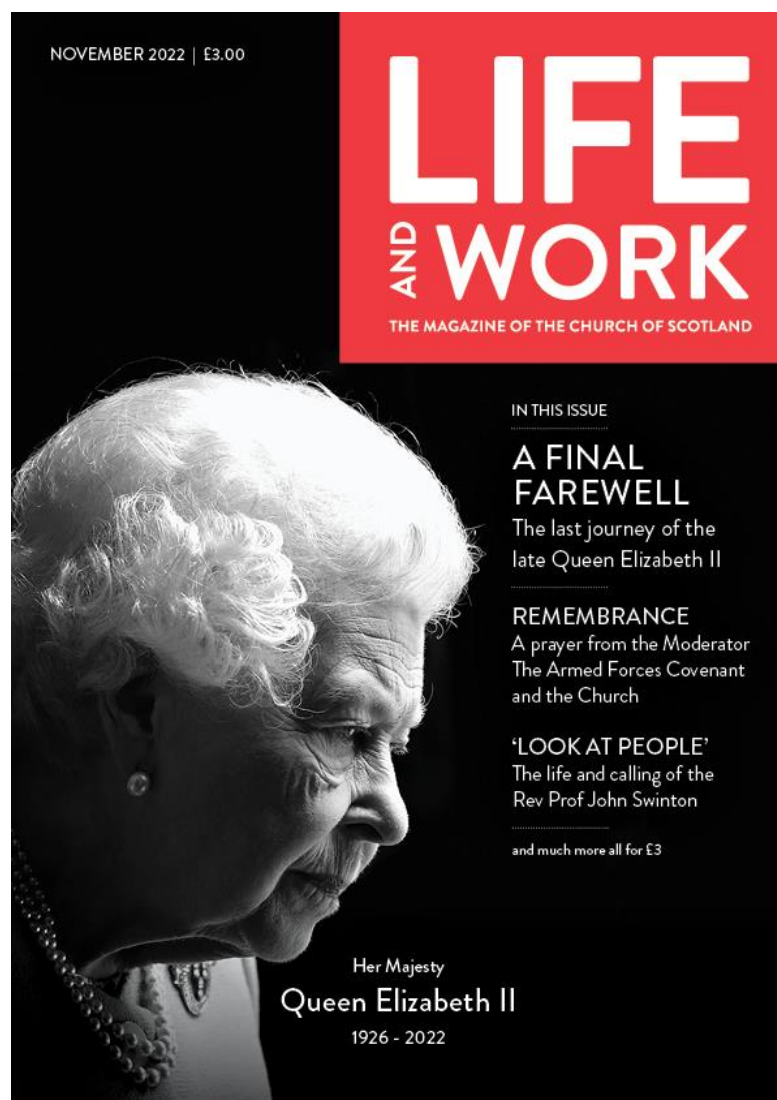
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WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

NOVEMBER 2022

Wednesday 2 nd	Pop In Café – Halloween themed SJR Large Hall from 2.00 to 3.30 p.m.
Sunday 6 th	Morning Worship – 11 a.m. Communion
Thursday 10 th	Setting up for the Bonanza between 7pm and 9pm
Friday 11 th	Setting up for the Bonanza between 10am and 12 noon then 7pm and 9 pm
Saturday 12 th	Bonanza 10am to 12.30pm
Sunday 13 th	Morning Worship – 11 a.m.
Saturday 19 th	Winter Bazaar – Broomhill/Hyndland Parish Church, Kingsborough Gardens Sanctuary 2pm to 4pm.
Sunday 20 th	Morning Worship – 11 a.m.
Sunday 27 th	Morning Worship – 11 a.m. Olive Tree will be selling Palestinian Gifts for Christmas
Wednesday 30 th	Kirk Session – 7.15pm

Please note: Events are subject to change following any new Covid guidance.

OFFICE BEARERS

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Graham Moore

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Clerk

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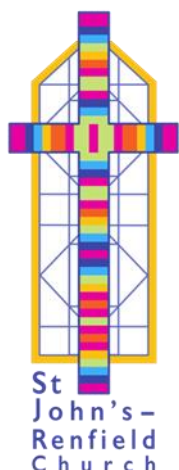
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