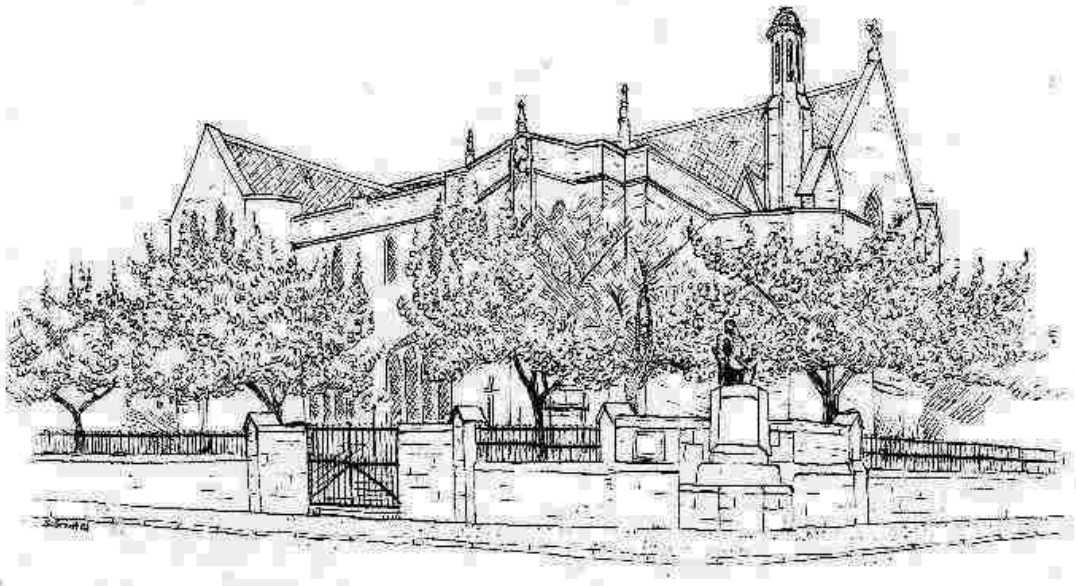


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Dear friends,

Although only a few weeks ago, Christmas and New Year feel like a distant memory. We rejoiced in welcoming God's Son with all the hope that would bring and then we rejoiced once more as we began a new year.

We always hope that a new year will mean new beginnings and all the sadness of the past year will be put behind us. Sadly we live in a very dark and dangerous world. The power of Evil is very strong and we can see it at work in all the war torn areas of the world. We may feel helpless and think that there is nothing we can do. The good news is that we can.....we can pray for peace. We can ask God to enter the minds of those who are greedy for power and help them to develop a more sensible approach to leadership. NEVER doubt the power of prayer!

Soon we will enter the Lenten season, a time of reflection, waiting and preparation. This time enables us to think about our faith. How committed are we to Christ? Do we love Him enough to serve Him faithfully without counting the cost? Are we willing to face criticism and ridicule when sharing His Good News?

At Easter time we will remember the terrible journey to the Cross, the pain and suffering on that Cross and the joy of our Redeemer's Resurrection. Jesus suffered for our Redemption so let us go out and work faithfully in His name, for His glory.

May you know true peace and God's richest blessings this Easter.

Katie

CONGREGATIONAL ROLL

Change of address

Name	District	Elder
Elizabeth Paton	04	ELDER

The following members have died:

Name	District	Elder
John Barron	07	H Millar
Janette Millar	16	K Morrison
Agnes Hay	12	B Keenan
Margaret Nimmo	04	E Paton

Funerals

Name	Date
Janette Millar	17 th January 2024
Mary (May) McGregor	13 th February 2024

Christian Aid

SCRABBLE



We are still meeting on Wednesday afternoons at 2pm in the Session House. There is room at the table for anyone interested in coming along for a friendly afternoon and a couple (or three) of games of Scrabble, with tea and biscuits.

THE SCRABBLERS



As usual, the help of CHRISTIAN AID is required around the world, showing compassion and care in the name of God the Father.

Our next local Fundraiser is a Quiz to be held on Friday 8th March at 7.30pm in W&W Halls in Hamilton Road. The cost, including Tea and Cakes, will be £5 per person. The Quizmaster will be Donnie McInnes.

Tickets will soon be available.

Thanking all our friends in the congregation for their continuing support.

JEAN & MARJORY
CA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

WORLD MISSION NEWS



Delighted to report that I am able to give an update on Anne Davidson, our Missionary Partner in Makululu in Zambia.

Anne was home in Sept./Oct. and spent a very busy time travelling around Scotland and also England and Wales. Some of the time was for pleasure and some on business for OM, who employ her. She has now settled back into her life in Zambia, starting off a new venture with street boys. The old Mercy House in Makululu has been put to use on Fridays, giving the boys shelter, food, clothes and somewhere to wash. Anne dreams of being able to make it permanent shelter for the boys, so maybe in our prayers, we could remember Anne and all the street children she helps. She has been in Zambia for nine years and is on the Boards of several other projects, as well as all she does in Mercy House and Safe House.

A very busy lady working in God's name.

Marjory Greig

MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING

A warm welcome awaits you on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10am till Noon. Good Tea/Coffee and Cakes are on offer for the modest cost of £3 per person, along with Marmalade and Butter Tablet for sale. We are delighted to have sent off a cheque for £275 to The British Red Cross. This will be put to the fund for the conflict in Israel and Palestine. We are very happy to have welcomed some new friends, but we always have room for more.

The coffee morning crew

Woman's Guild

Our 23-24 session will soon be over much to our surprise. We have only a few meetings left and have enjoyed a variety of music, talks and entertaining ourselves. Marjory has always given us a varied syllabus which we are always grateful for.

I hope everyone has a lovely summer and we will meet again refreshed and ready to enjoy 2024 – 2025.

Myra McNair
President

Thursday Cafe

The Church is open to the public from noon till 2pm each Thursday come along and join us for a coffee, all welcome! Tea, coffee and biscuits are available for a small donation. Feel free to bring your own packed lunch.

The church will also be open at this time for a quiet visit or meditation.

We are operating a rota of volunteers now we have return to normal service after the relaxation of the restrictions.



Looking ahead we need a few more volunteers to join the rota. This is a very simply duty of making tea coffee and washing up afterwards. (No qualifications required !!) Generally, no more than once per month depending on the number of volunteers

If you are able to help, please contact Alison Bennet 647 4415.

FORTHCOMING COMMUNION SERVICES



The main quarterly celebration of the sacrament of communion will take place during our service on Sunday, 3rd March.

While all are welcome to attend any of our services, a special invitation is extended to anyone wishing to attend our communion services.



We all enjoyed a lunch after the service in the lead up to Christmas, thanks to all involved in preparing and serving. After lunch Katie tested our knowledge with a fun Christmas quiz. Congratulations to the winners!!



Do you shop online?

Did you know by registering with easyfundraising.org.uk you could help raise funds for Rutherglen Old!

Its easy to register will cost you nothing and you can help raise funds when you shop at more than 3,300 retailers by just going through the easyfundraising website.

Pick up a leaflet in church or ask Irene Kay for more details.



Our services are streamed live every week. Follow the link on our website www.rutherglenoldparishchurch.org or subscribe to our YouTube channel search Rutherglen Old Parish and subscribe.



Follow us on Facebook, search 'Rutherglen Old Parish Church' to make sure you don't miss out on events taking place including our monthly coffee mornings.

FLOWER FUND Donations and Deliveries



Thanks to the small team of ladies who take time to arrange the flowers each week. We would benefit from a few extra pairs of hands. It is not difficult, I am sure there are many of you who arrange your vases of flowers at home. If you can help please speak to any of the ladies Margaret Alexander, Marjory Greig or Jan Kennan.

We are grateful to Jean Caldwell who arranges the distribution of the flowers which have been displayed in the Sanctuary. Thanks also to those who will deliver the flowers.

If you know of anyone who would benefit receiving the church flowers then please speak with Jean.

If you wish to make a donation to the Flower Fund this can be placed in the "Flower Boxes" located at the entrance to the church on a Sunday.

There are a number of people who contribute to the fund to commemorate a special date.

If you require further information please contact Alison Bennet 647-4415

FEBRUARY TO MAY FLOWER DONOR & DELIVERY LIST

		Donor	Deliverer/Driver
FEBRUARY	04/02/24		Miss I Kay
	11/02/24		Mrs J Caldwell
	18/02/24		Miss M Dobbin
	25/02/24	Mrs M Alexander	Mrs M Robinson & Miss A Bennet
MARCH	03/03/24	Mrs M Robinson	Mrs A Brown
	10/03/24		Mrs J Keenan
	17/03/24	Miss I Kay	Mrs I Campbell & Mrs P Cumming
	24/03/24		Miss I Kay
	31/03/24	Mr I Lindsay	Mrs J Caldwell
APRIL	07/04/23	Ms E Cunningham	Miss M Dobbin
	14/04/23		Mrs M Robinson & Miss A Bennet
	21/04/23		Mrs A Brown
	28/04/23		Mrs J Keenan
MAY	05/05/24	Mrs A Loudon	Mrs I Campbell & Mrs P Cumming
	12/05/24	Mrs S Stevens	Miss I Kay
	19/05/24		Mrs J Caldwell
	26/05/24		Miss M Dobbin

CONGREGATIONAL GIVING

		W F O	Open Plate	Other Income	Fabric	Total
B/f		£30,190.20	£763.35	£12,912.08	£1,850.00	£45,715.63
						£0.00
Oct	1	£214.00	£5.00	£125.00		£344.00
	8	£198.00	£14.00			£212.00
	15	£122.00	£26.00			£148.00
	22	£223.00	£31.45			£254.45
	29	£2,885.50	£37.00	£320.00		£3,242.50
Nov	6	£188.00	£21.00	£2,331.11		£2,540.11
	13	£154.00	£189.35			£343.35
	20	£144.00	£6.20	£1,462.54	£100.00	£1,712.74
	27	£2,642.00	£11.00	£0.37		£2,653.37
Dec	3	£159.00	£20.00	£45.00		£224.00
	10	£377.00	£11.00	£50.00		£438.00
	17	£223.00	£22.10	£2,000.00		£2,245.10
	24	£204.00	£11.00	£20.00		£235.00
	31	£2,435.00	£171.71	895.93		£3,502.64
		£40,358.70	£1,340.16	£20,162.03	£1,950.00	£60,308.25

Income for period ending 31/12/23 (excluding Fabric)

= £61,860.89

Budgetted income requirement per week = £1,145.19

Budgetted income requirement to 31/12/23 = £60,695.07

GIFT AID

Are you a Taxpayer?

If so your offerings and any other donations you make to the Old Parish could have 25p per pound added to them.

For further information please contact. Lourens de Jager



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PLEASE NOTE: Anyone wishing to consult the Minister may do so after the Morning Service any Sunday.

Intimation of change of address should be given to the Roll Keeper as soon as possible.

Website: <https://rutherglenoldparish.org/>
Facebook: Rutherglen old parish church

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

To enable the Congregational Roll to be kept up to date would members who have recently, or are about to, change their address please either complete the form below and forward it to our Roll Keeper, Brian Keenan, or telephone him at 0141 647 8828.

RUTHERGLEN OLD PARISH CHURCH

Name Date

is moving from Address

.....

Postcode

Tel. No.

to Address

.....

Postcode

Tel. No.

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