

Eastwood Parish Church of Scotland

Crossbeam—January 2020

A Thought from the Manse...

Dear Friends,

At the outset, may I take this opportunity to wish you and yours, a very blessed and prosperous New Year! Not only is this the beginning of a New Year, it is the beginning of a new decade. With this sense of “newness”, I hope you will like this new format of our Church Magazine: Crossbeam.

Change. Some people like it. Others loathe it. Yet, God calls His people to follow Him, wherever He might lead them. For following God is more than celebrating Christmas, as it is a whole year discipline.

So, what will God ask of us, here at Eastwood, during 2020? I look forward to finding out and hope and pray that you do too. We start the year off on a positive note, with the appointment of our new Community Development Worker, Stephen Dow. We will also continue to help Nigel, Savior and Deuel settle into Church of Scotland life.

Yet, we must be open to changes within our parish, congregation and our very selves. The Church of Scotland Radical Action Plan, should begin to be felt across the Church and we must play our part. We must be willing to engage with our Presbytery, our neighbouring churches and the various communities which surrounds us.

Personally, I am excited to see what 2020 has in store for us as a Church family. Will you join me? You may be a regular at Eastwood or might not have been across the doorstep in a while, that does not matter. For God, is calling each one of us to be a part of his continuing story.

With every blessing to you and yours,

Jim Teasdale



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Worship, Outreach and Publicity Group

The total raised for the **Leprosy Mission** was £394.69 (including the BIG Church Christmas Card, the December Soup & Sandwich Lunch and a donation from the House Group). The total raised for the **Lodging House Mission** during our Christmas services was £321.90. A wonderful effort, thank you to all who donated.

Thank you to all who willingly help and support our many activities every year, those who work in the foreground and background and those who come and support events. These events and activities include the Lunch Club, monthly Sunday lunches and films, Alpha, the Summer Carnival, the Afternoon Tea in Troon, our Christmas lunch with the Tinto Primary Choir, and finally the delivery of our Christmas greetings to approximately 3,600 homes around the parish. Without the help of those who give up their valuable time we would not be able to offer any of these events. Thank you for your hard work and commitment. Thank you for the welcome and friendship you share with everyone who comes along to any of our activities at Eastwood.

And now to 2020.....

Bible In One Year

Give yourself a challenge this year and read the bible in one year!! You can find Bible in One Year through several sources, like Bible.com or even the Bible in One Year app (including an audio commentary). Nicky Gumbel selects a theme or topic which comes from the Scripture selections for the day. He ties this theme to the 3 passages selected for the day which is an effective tool for focusing our attention on God's Word. Each day there is an Old Testament passage, a New Testament passage and a selection from the "Poetry/Wisdom" (Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes) books of the Bible. You can read and/or listen to the commentary and Scripture passages. Also, the "commentary" part is not a heavy study commentary - it is "comments", observations, challenges and a short prayer for each Scripture section.

Soup n Sandwich lunch on Sunday 13th January 2020 in the halls after the service followed by the **Monthly Movie** in the Harper hall – all welcome.

The January movie is **Oranges and Sunshine (15)** - A powerful and deeply moving real life story of Nottingham social worker Margaret Humphreys, who uncovered one of the most significant social scandals in recent history: the forced migration of children from the United Kingdom. Almost single-handedly, against overwhelming odds and with little regard for her own well-being, Humphreys reunited thousands of families, brought authorities to account, and turned worldwide attention to an extraordinary miscarriage of justice.

The Lunch Club

Monday 20 January - Burns Lunch at 12 noon

Join us for an informal lunch with traditional food and sing-a-long to celebrate the birth of our famous bard, Robert Burns. To help with catering, please tell Liz Dobbie if you are able to come along.

The next lunch dates are

3rd—February Lunch in the church hall at 12noon

17th— February Minibus Outing

Eastwood's next Alpha starts in the Upper Hall at 7pm on Monday 3rd March and will run for 6

weeks. This is our opportunity to introduce the basics of the Christian faith through a series of talks and discussions. Each evening begins with a meal followed by a talk and some discussion. **You** have the most important role to play and that is **THE INVITATION** - **your** support is needed. Please invite a family member, friend or neighbour. Use the Alpha flyer as an invitation. Also, if you have not yet attended one of these courses or feel you would like to come and enjoy the new video presentations, you can register by contacting Liz Dobbie by phone or email (details per inserted advert).

Liz Dobbie (585 3220)

Worship, Outreach and Pastoral Group Convener

New Community Development Worker

Hi! My name is Stephen. I've been working with communities for around 7 years now! I have an incredible passion and desire to see churches reach out to people in their communities. I believe young people are awesome and I love working with them to help them see their full potential. Through my role at Eastwood, I aim to highlight the role of the church within the community, help recognise where the need is and work from there. I want to establish strong relationships with the schools and other networks in the area to show how the church can support people. I aim to develop and create projects for young people and other members of the community to be a part of.



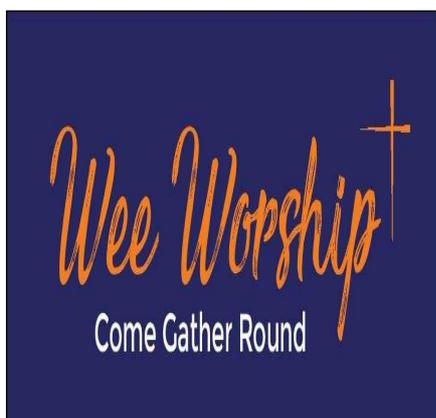
I aim to let people know that the church cares for them—that it isn't an exclusive club but an inclusive space for all! I aim to show God's love through all the work I'll be involved in. I will also be supporting the various things that are already happening and filling in where I am needed. I'm really excited about the journey that I'll be going on with Eastwood Parish Church and look forward to reviewing how we develop!

The Wee Worship Service

Our contemporary service of modern music, readings and speakers is moving. Wee Worship will now be held on the last Wednesday of every month in the sanctuary from 6.30pm-7pm.

This service allows us to come together and worship mid-week. To pause and reflect during the busy week. Come along and try us.

Erika Watt



Alpha Course

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment.



**Every Monday for 6 weeks
from 2 March 2020 at 7pm**

**EASTWOOD PARISH CHURCH HALLS
1 Mansewood Road, G43 1TW**

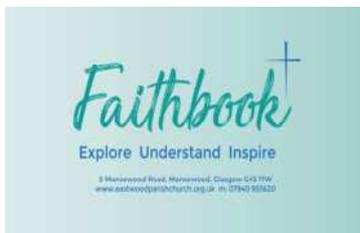
Sign up or just turn up!

**CONTACT – Liz Dobbie
liz.dobbie@robertsondobbie.co.uk**

EPYC



It's been a great few months with numbers steady . Junior Youth club regularly sees 6-10, P1-P4 young people. They enjoy crafts, games and running about and, of course, tuck. Senior Youth club sees 12-22 young people, mainly boys, as they enjoy playing football. We have a small group of girls who come regularly and enjoy just hanging out, chatting and board games. The younger youth club recently enjoyed a traditional Christmas party with a fiercely fought game of pass the parcel. Senior youth club attended Laser Station and enjoyed some serious laser tagging . There was one mishap unfortunately where one of the youth club leaders realised that high heels and laser tagging don't really go! Youth club returns on the 11th January .



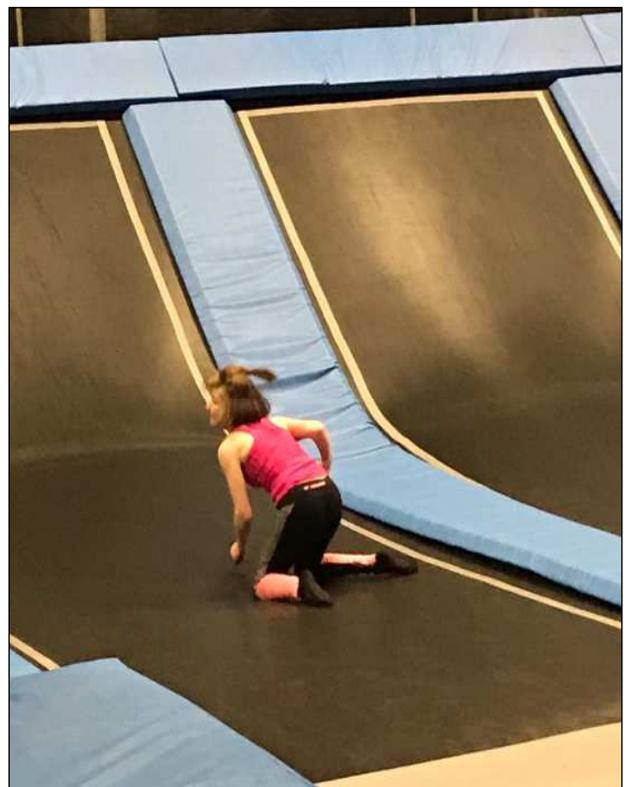
Faithbook

Our breakfast group continues to meet on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. We look at readings and discuss headings and points of interest. Each week is a stand-alone topic. Why not come along and see what we're about?

Erika Watt

Girls' Brigade

It's been a busy few months with good numbers attending . However there's always room to welcome new girls. The Brigaders, as part of their badge work, have been looking at poverty and been attending Ryze trampolining and having a ball. The juniors have been looking at board games and recently went swimming instead of a Christmas party. The Explorers are enjoying crafts and games and enjoyed their Christmas party. The company as a whole took part in various activities for children in need and raised a whopping £438. We're all looking forward to returning in January with the Gathering in March and camp in May. We are sad to announce, however, the loss of one of our officers, Laura Smith, who has had to stand down due to work commitments. We wish her well .



Diary Dates for 2020

Sunday	12 January	SnS & Movie
Monday	20 January	The Lunch Club – Burns Supper
Monday	3 February	The Lunch Club in the halls at 12 noon
Sunday	9 February	SnS & Movie
Monday	17 February	The Lunch Club minibus outing venue tba
Monday	2 March	The Lunch Club in the halls at 12 noon
Monday	2 March	Alpha starts at 7.30pm
Sunday	8 March	SnS & Movie
Monday	16 March	The Lunch Club outing



Church Family News

Flowers: Would you like to donate flowers or would you be able to deliver flowers? If you're interested, please speak to Jean Allan, any Sunday or call her on 571 1453. If you have any used flower bags, you can recycle them by donating them to the church to be used again.

Thank yous: Sadie Kemp, Marjory Gibson, Isabel Wilkin, Ann Moffat, Eileen McColl, Claire Walker and Susan McKay all say "thank you" for flowers they have received over the last few weeks. And a huge thank you to Liz and the team for the lovely Christmas lunch that they served up to more than 50 hungry people!

Congratulations: Happy birthday to Doreen Malcolm, Anne Middleton, Sadie Kemp and everyone who has a special day coming up soon!

The Guild

A huge thank you to everyone who donated gifts to the residents of Williamwood House this year. The donations were very generous and greatly appreciated.

The Guild starts again on 13th January at 2pm in the Session Room.

The Annual Guild Guest Afternoon will be on 24th February at 2pm in the Church Hall. Everyone is invited to attend and will be made thoroughly welcome.



EASTWOOD PARISH CHURCH CHRISTMAS 2019 QUIZ



The answers are all TV programmes. The numbers in brackets refers to the number of words in the answer e.g. The highest cog (2) = Top Gear

1	Is it football, rugby, cricket or tennis? (4)	A Question of Sport
2	Sounds like dad has nothing to do (2)	Pop Idol
3	A crowning event down our way (2)	Coronation Street
4	London Underground system (2)	The Tube
5	Where the chain broke? (3)	The Weakest Link
6	The American check (2)	The Bill
7	The Queen (1)	ER
8	Distribute the cards, or not (4)	Deal or no Deal
9	Hymns and Psalms (3)	Songs of Praise
10	Staying in (3)	Not Going Out
11	Backwards intelligence (1)	QI
12	Peter, Jack and Jim fighting again perhaps (3)	Men Behaving Badly
13	Wonderful view (1)	Panorama
14	Final drink of the season (5)	Last of the Summer Wine
15	Money in the loft (4)	Cash in the Attic
16	Sad Saint (2)	Blue Peter
17	The cost is not left (4)	The Price is Right
18	5,4,3,2,1 (1)	Countdown
19	Not the Oldies (3)	The Young Ones
20	Slaying Adam's wife (2)	Killing Eve
21	Huge small white ones (3)	Big Little Lies
22	Wide Kirk (1)	Broadchurch
23	Earth is ablaze (3)	World on Fire
24	I don't know this medic (2)	Doctor Who
25	Let go of the ex ass (4)	Drop the Dead Donkey

What's On At Eastwood

		Contact	
SUNDAY			
10.00 am	Faithbook (1st and 3rd Sundays)	Erika Watt	07399 894484
11.15 am	Worship	Rev Jim Teasdale	0141 571 7648
11.00 am	Sunday School (age 2 to 16)	Katie Morrison	0141 621 1581
MONDAY			
10.00 am	English Literacy Classes	Christine Nanguy E:info@pollokshawsaln.org	0141 649 8238
12 noon	The Lunch Club Open on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month from 12noon (except July and August)	Liz Dobbie	0141 585 3220
2.00 pm	Guild (every 2nd Monday from October to March)	Mary Marshall	0141 571 2627
5.45 pm	Coyle Irish Dancers	Suzanne Coyle	07896 155992
TUESDAY			
9.30 am	Slimming World	Lesley Clark	07928 023238
5.45 pm	Coyle Irish Dancers	Suzanne Coyle	07896 155992
WEDNESDAY			
10.00 am	Eastwood Carer & Toddler Group	Katie Morrison	0141 621 1581
1.45 pm	Carpet Bowls (from October to March)	Linda Smith	0141 586 6684
6.30 pm	Girls' Brigade	Erika Watt	07399 894484
6.30 pm	Wee Worship (last Wednesday of the month excl. December)	Rev Jim Teasdale	0141 571 7648
FRIDAY			
9.30 am	Slimming World	Lesley Clark	07928 023238
7.00 pm	Badminton (from October to May)	Liz Dobbie	0141 585 3220
SATURDAY			
11.00 am	Coyle Irish Dancers	Suzanne Coyle	07896 155992
7.00 pm	EPYC	Erika Watt	07399 894484

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