

# Eastwood Parish Church of Scotland

## Crossbeam— March 2024

From the Manse...

Dear Friends,

Spring will soon be upon us and this is always a time of year when we hope to see new beginnings and shoots of new growth. In the life of the Church, we must always be looking for ways in which we can refresh what we do and grow those things we are already doing that give us life.

One area of our Church life which will be different this year, is in regard to our Holy Week and Easter Services. This year, there will be two Holy Week Services. On Thursday evening we will be sharing worship with our friends from Pollokshaws Parish Church. This service will be held in Eastwood, beginning at 7.30pm, and will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion. On Good Friday, also at 7.30pm, worship will be held in Pollokshaws Parish Church.

Easter Sunday, will be different, as there will **not** be a service in Auldhouse Park followed by Breakfast. Instead, there will be one service at 11.15am, which will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion. As you will see in Anne Maree's article, this will be followed by tea, coffee, and hot cross buns, and egg rolling in the Church grounds. All are welcome at all of these services.

We are also collecting Chocolate Easter Eggs to support The Lodging House Mission Easter Egg Appeal. We're grateful for any eggs you can donate. The final date for donations is Sunday 17th March 2024.

As we travel through this season of Lent, I invite you to look around you and notice where you see new beginnings and regrowth. It might be in the flowers which are starting to bloom, it might be the arrival of a new member of your family or it might be a new hobby that you are trying for the first time. As you notice these things, perhaps take a moment to think about what a change these things



*Where you belong*

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will bring to your life and to give thanks for the opportunities that this season of renewal brings.

Your friend and minister,

*Jim*

## Presbytery Mission Planning

Following on from the decision of the General Trustees to delay the congregational vote on the Draft Basis of Union between ourselves and Thornliebank, there have been a few meetings of Cluster Representatives. The last of these was a day conference where those present began to consider how the allocated ministry posts of 3 Full-Time equivalents and a 0.5 Ministries Development Staff Member could be shared amongst the 8 current congregations.

The Reps will be meeting again on Wednesday 13th March with our Presbytery's Congregational Facilitator to, hopefully, advance these conversations. There will then be an update made to the Annual Stated Meeting of our congregation, which will be held on **SUNDAY 17TH MARCH 2024**, immediately after worship.

## A Prayer

Dear Father in Heaven , we thank you for bringing us together to worship on this Sunday. We know that you delight in receiving us as we bring our prayers to you. You are always ready to hear us and to answer us.

Help us also to believe in our hearts and minds.

Help us that, always, we may worship you by both our service and our praise.

May we live each moment in relation to you in the sure knowledge that you are always there for us and that you will respond graciously to us.

In your name , Amen.

## Social and Fundraising News

After a long absence, Sunday lunches are about to make a come-back! They will be held in the tea area of the Church and advance notice of when they will take place will be intimated in Church and in the Order of Service. The first one was held on Sunday 3rd March 2024.

Easter Sunday – Please note there will be no early Easter Sunday service in the park this year and no breakfast in the hall either. Instead, we will be rolling our Easter eggs after the service in Church on Sunday 31st March 2024 followed by hot cross buns with our tea and coffee.

Christian Aid Lunch – This charity fundraiser will be on Sunday 12th May 2024, after the service, in the tea area in Church. More details to follow.

Anne Maree Smith

## Church Family News

The whole Stewart family wishes to thank most sincerely everyone who attended the service at the Church and the Hurlet Crematorium for Hawthorn's funeral. It was very much appreciated. It was wonderful to see so many dear friends pay respect to a much loved and wonderful man. The family would also like to thank everyone for all the cards and flowers they received.

Avril Ferns would like to say thank you for to Isobel Freer for delivering a lovely and much appreciated bunch of flowers which brightened up a grey day.

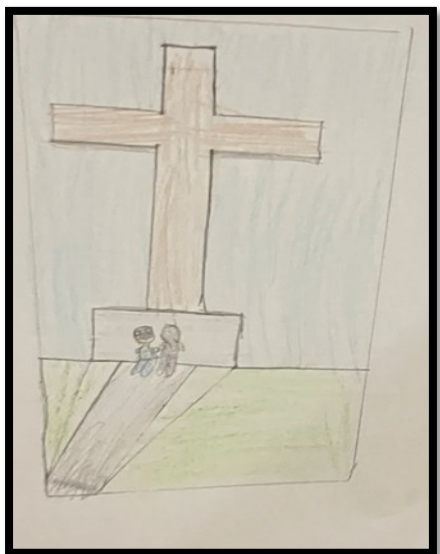
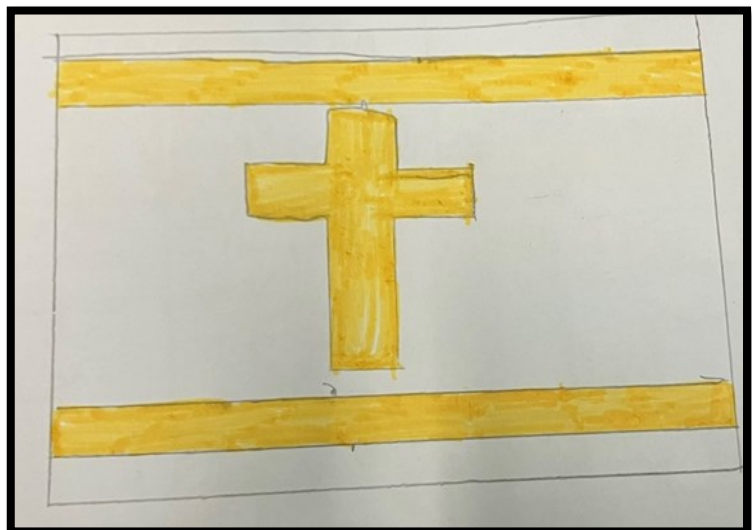
Ann Jessiman, Marjorie Gibson, Eileen MColl, Irene and Len Friend, Ruth Langdon and the family of Cathy Middlemass would like to say thank you for the flowers they have received, along with everyone else who has recently been given flowers from the church who send their grateful thanks. Thanks should also go to Isabel Freer for taking the time to deliver the flowers.

# Sunday School

## A logo for Jesus

We talked about different logos that we know and why logos are important. Logos are important to different companies because then people know what company they are and they can find them easily. We wondered what logo Jesus or the Church might have. All of us drew the logos we designed and here they are. Can you do a logo as well like us?

Megan Morrison

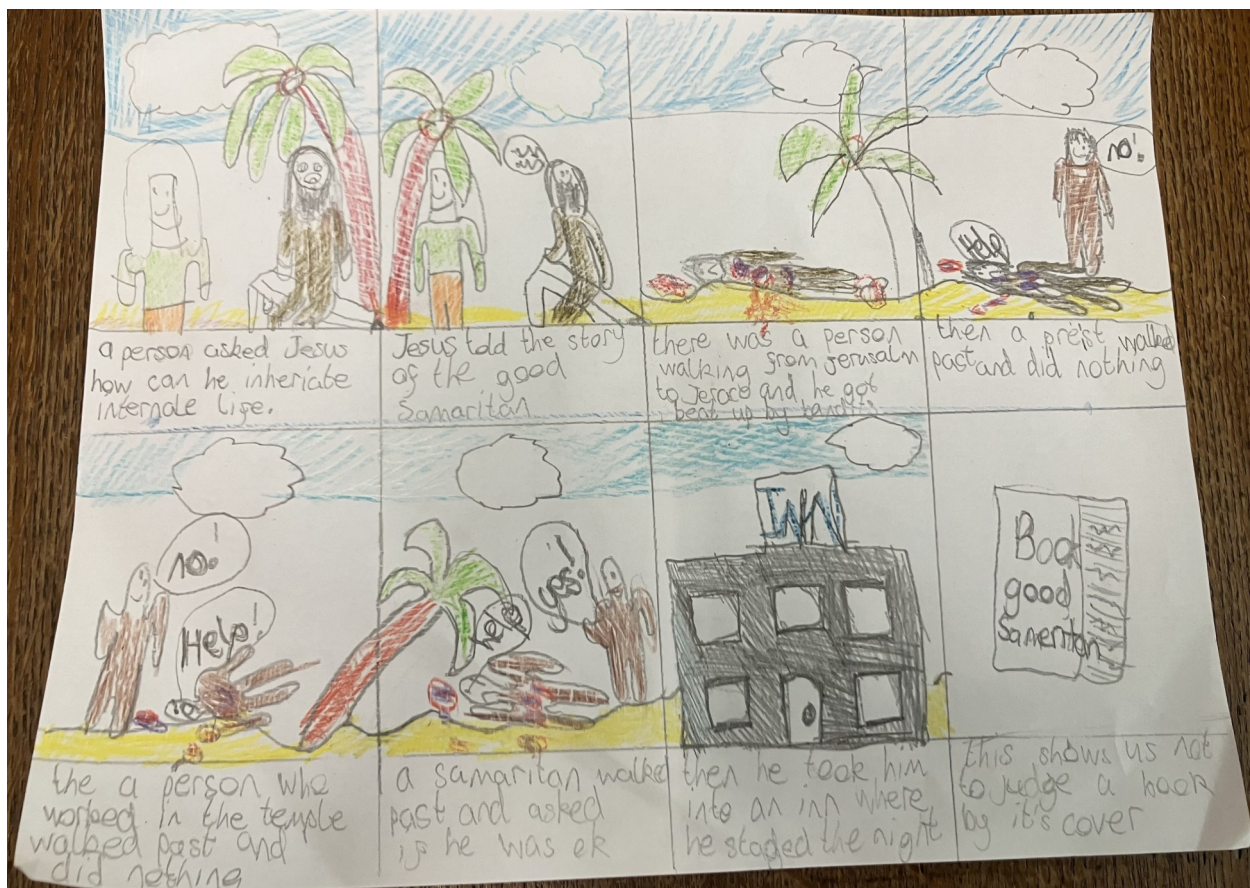


We have also been retelling the story of The Good Samaritan in different ways. Jamie and Hayley wrote their own version, while Seonaidh turned the story into a comic strip.

One day a man came up to Jesus and asked, "What shall I do to get eternal life?" Jesus replied with, "What does the law say?" The man responded with, "the law says love god with all your heart soul and strength and also love your neighbour like yourself" the man also asked "who is my neighbour" Jesus replied with a story one day a Jewish man was walking down a road, and out of the blue two fierce bandits went up to the man and stripped him of his clothes and belongings and left him on the road half dead in the middle of the road. After a while a priest walked past and pretended not to notice the half dead man and carried on walking. not long after a Levite came but when he saw the man he crossed the road and passed by the man. Soon a Samaritan came and went up to help the man by pouring oil and wine on the wounds before bandaging the open wounds. The Samaritan helped the man on to his donkey and traveled to the closes inn. "give him a room and take care of him". The next day the Samaritan went back to the "look after him if the cost go over this money is will pay the next time I'm here". Jesus said "which man do you think was the neighbour to the man" the man that asked the question replied with "the Samaritan was the neighbour because he helped the half dead man". Jesus told him to go and be like the Samaritan.

THE END

By Jamie and Hayley



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25 January 2024

## Thank you!

Dear Katie



Thank you very much for your kind donation of £228.50. This donation will support those affected by homelessness, poverty and addiction in Glasgow.

This year, there are many challenges. Elyse, our Overnight Welcome Centre manager, says, "There is a lot of pressure on the city. The cost of living crisis means more people will need assistance. Our Overnight Welcome Centre will help relieve the strain on services in Glasgow and as always, our priority will be our guests. Using our 14 years of experience running our winter project, we will be working again with our valued partner agencies to achieve the best outcome for each guest."

In our appeal we told the story of Andrew\* who will celebrate Christmas in his own home this year. Your generosity will help others like Andrew achieve this aim.

We send our best wishes for the new year.

Yours sincerely,

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\* The name has been changed to protect anonymity.



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25 January 2024

Dear Katie

#### **Heartfelt Thanks from the Lodging House Mission**

I am writing to acknowledge and thank you and the congregation at Eastwood Parish Church for the generous **WINTER donations** of £228.50 to assist us in our work with people who have lived experience of homelessness, vulnerability and social exclusion and are guests of our centre at the Lodging House Mission here in Glasgow.

Christmas can be a particularly difficult time for our client group and it is important for good mental wellbeing to have something positive to focus upon. Our **Christmas Day Program** which included; 3 course Christmas Day lunch, Quiz, and a present from Santa, was busier than ever before. We served over 100 meals and distributed 80+ presents to those who visited our event on Christmas Day.

In the current housing crisis, it is even more important to recognise the difference that individual contributions can make - helping to combat the sense of isolation that accompanies the experience of being without a forever home. This was overwhelmingly demonstrated in our 'Knit Together' Exhibition where individual contributions led to a display of over 140 colourful hand knitted blankets.

We are very aware that we can only carry out the work we do at LHM thanks to the generosity of supporters such as yourselves. On behalf of everyone at LHM, please pass on our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed and continues to support our work through prayer and awareness raising.

Happy New Year from all the team at LHM360.

*Deacon Claire Herbert*

On behalf of LHM  
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## What's On At Eastwood

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| <b>SUNDAY</b>    |  | <b>Contact</b>   |
| 10.00 am         | Faithbook (Monthly) - <b>ONLINE ONLY</b>                               | Erika Watt       |
| 11.15 am         | Worship  | Rev Jim Teasdale |
| 11.00 am         | Sunday School (age 2 to 16)  | Katie Morrison   |
| <b>MONDAY</b>    |  |                  |
| 7.00 pm          | Rock Til U Drop Jive Club  | Raymond or Nicky |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   |  |                  |
| 5.45 pm          | Coyle Irish Dancers  | Suzanne Coyle    |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> |  |                  |
| 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<br>(first Wednesday of the month) |                  |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  |  |                  |
| 5.45 pm          | Coyle Irish Dancers  | Suzanne Coyle    |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    |  |                  |
| 9.00 am          | Slimming World   | Jackie Quinn     |
| 7.00 pm          | Badminton (from October to May)  | Anne Maree Smith |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  |  |                  |
| 11 am            | Coyle Irish Dancers  | Suzanne Coyle    |

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