



## Netherlee and Stamperland Church Newsletter April 2021



### Worship

Following an ease in lockdown restrictions we can now worship in our church sanctuaries. There will be a service in the Netherlee Sanctuary at 10 am, and a service in the Stamperland Sanctuary at 11.30 am. Both services are restricted to 50 people so you can book a space by ringing the church office between 10 and 12 on Tuesday mornings or between 2 and 4 on Wednesday afternoons.

The service is live streamed from the Netherlee Sanctuary on our YouTube channel at 10 am. The recording is then downloaded and can then be watched at anytime.

A Wednesday morning service will recommence from April 21 at 10.30am and will take place in the Netherlee Sanctuary. Numbers will be restricted to 50 people.

This is a real step forward towards worshipping together.

### The Forum

Report from The Forum on 15 March with Jan Savage, Director of Campaigns and Membership at ENABLE Scotland entitled, '**Inclusion – are we there yet?**'

Jan gave us a very compelling and often stark insight into the isolation and adverse situations people with Learning Disabilities and Autism find themselves in. Some of the research demonstrates that they have much poorer health outcomes, are more likely to get infected with Covid 19 and twice as likely to die from it. Unemployment figures are way higher than those of the 'general population' and there are still unacceptable numbers of people with learning disabilities who are accommodated in hospitals or care homes a long distance away from their families. Children with these conditions are more likely to be excluded from school and their teachers – especially in mainstream schools - feel that they are not able to meet their needs properly.

ENABLE Scotland, along with their partners Scottish Autism and the National Autistic Society Scotland are calling on the Scottish Government to commit to a commissioner to uphold **and protect the rights of people with a learning disability and autism. ENABLE Scotland has** been a great champion of these rights for over 50 years and we are proud to support them as a church. To thank ENABLE for all the support she has received for many years, Lisa Kerr is taking part in the Virtual Glasgow Kiltwalk on 23-25 April. She is going to walk 15 miles and also do some dancing in aid of this worthy cause. Details of how you can support her can be obtained from D. Kerr. Many thanks to those of you who have already made a donation. Your support is much appreciated.

Dagmar Kerr

## **The Forum-April 2021**

On 26th April 2021 there will be an additional Forum meeting. Kat Jones of Stop Climate Chaos Scotland will talk to us about churches roles in the COP26 conference in November 2021/ This will be a Zoom event. To participate in this meeting the Zoom details are available from the church office.



## **Eastwood Ecumenical Peace & Justice Forum - Holyrood Election Hustings**

### **Meeting**

The Eastwood Ecumenical Peace and Justice Forum is holding a Hustings meeting on 22nd April as a Zoom meeting. Candidates for the Eastwood constituency will be presenting their views and answering questions. It is important to pre-register for this meeting as indicated below.



## **2021 HOLYROOD ELECTION FOR EASTWOOD CONSTITUENCY**

### **HUSTINGS MEETING**

### **via ZOOM**

**Thursday 22nd April 2021 7:30pm - 9.00pm**

**Chair: Rev. John Miller**

**Registration is essential to participate!**

To register in advance, allow submission of your questions to the candidates, and obtain access codes please e-mail:

[eepeaceandjusticegroup@outlook.com](mailto:eepeaceandjusticegroup@outlook.com)

**no later than 6pm on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

(Note: Register early since the meeting is limited to 100 participants. No questions will be taken during the meeting.)

Topics: Refugees and Migrants, Taxation, Post Pandemic Proposals, Health & Social Care, Climate Change, Transition to a Green Economy, Housing, Food Poverty, Moral Principles

**Organised by Eastwood Ecumenical Peace & Justice  
Forum**

## **PoppyScotland**

Last year I had planned a coffee event to coincide with the 75th anniversary of VE day. Because of lock down restrictions it didn't happen.

Following the marvellous success of the November afternoon tea, I propose to do it again.

The format will be the same. The Afternoon Teas will be delivered after Church on Sunday 9th May in exchange for a minimum donation of £2.50 per person.

With the weather improving and the lock down restrictions easing, I wondered whether some of you would take the opportunity to meet in gardens with the afternoon tea (just a thought!).

To arrange a delivery, please contact Anne Mann.

Thanking you all for your ongoing support.

A.Mann



## **SE Foodbank**

The food bank continues to meet needs in the area and is grateful for the help of Netherlee and Stamperland Church. Now that limited numbers can attend worship, items can be left at the Netherlee Sanctuary.

## **Christian Aid**



We are going to supply an afternoon tea on 22<sup>nd</sup> May following Christian Aid week. The donation will be £3.00. If you would like to receive one.....or more!!....please contact Marjorie Lang .

There will also be a quiz which will be run by the Clarkston Christian Aid committee on the evening of Tuesday 11th May. Details will be sent out nearer the time outlining how to register and pay your entry fee.

Donation envelopes will be available at church for a few weeks before Christian Aid week. If anyone would like to donate please fill one and leave on the welcome desk at the Netherlee Sanctuary or hand to an office bearer if you are worshipping at the Stamperland Sanctuary.

An original painting by the artist Ed Hunter is being raffled as part of the Christian Aid Art Show. The tickets are £5.00 each. If anyone wishes to purchase a ticket but is not confident using the web site or does not have internet access, please contact Russell Brown, Vicky Anderson or Marjorie Lang who will purchase one on your behalf.

M.Lang

## ANNUAL CHRISTIAN AID CLARKSTON ART SHOW



This most popular annual Art Sale will  
be online during April at



<https://christianaidclarkstonartshow.org.uk/>

No teas or coffees this time, but many framed and unframed paintings can be enjoyed  
and bought in the comfort of your own home.  
Many local professional and amateur artists are taking part.



'Ailsa Craig'  
by Paul Roth



'Highland Sunrise' by  
Cameron Fyfe

There is also a chance to take part in our Prize Draw.  
In addition, donations can be made to Christian Aid for those not wishing to buy a painting.

### The Book Club

Save the date(s)!

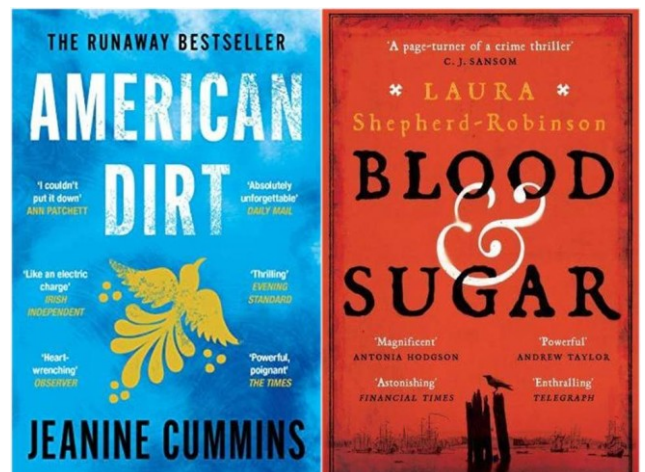
The next two meetings and books for the  
Netherlee and Stamperland Book Club are:

Friday, 30 April: 'American Dirt' by Jeanine  
Cummins and

Friday, 28 May: 'Blood and Sugar' by Laura  
Shepherd-Robinson

We meet via zoom at 8pm and usually have a  
light-hearted discussion and a chat about our  
chosen book. Not everyone likes every book, but that's ok, as it makes the discussions more  
interesting. We all enjoy the conversations and the fact that we read books we might not  
have chosen ourselves. We are a friendly group of people and welcome new members.  
Please contact Dagmar Kerr for the zoom link.

Dagmar Kerr





## Virtual Afternoon Tea and Chat



The next virtual afternoon tea and chat is on Thursday 22 April via Zoom at 2 30 pm and you are all invited. This is a great opportunity to catch up with folks over a cup of tea/ coffee and to see some faces you may not have seen for a while. This will be our fifth get together and we just have a chat about what we've been up to, what is going on and generally putting the world to rights! The Zoom link is available from the church office.

## A Notice from Starchild

### **2021 Virtual Kiltwalk**

**Taking Strides Together** Walk towards making a difference.

Walk, Run, Boggie, Cycle, Kill your Treadmill or your Trampoline or Dance the Highland Fling. It doesn't matter where you live, or what you want to do, as long as you are doing it!

It's been a challenging year for everyone, and one we will not forget. Starchild has been no exception to these harsh times and had to cancel all our fundraising events. That's why we really need your help to keep our projects going in Uganda and Scotland.

You can help the most vulnerable and marginalised in society by taking part in the Virtual Kiltwalk.



If you're walking some days, or running, doing yoga, dancing, why not make these actions count and make a difference to the lives of others. It's really that simple! Join in from anywhere, doing anything.

All funds will be topped up by the Tom Hunter Foundations. So join the fun between 23 and 25 April. Starchild will even pay your sign up fee!

We can also provide vouchers if necessary for the signup fee. £12.80 for adults and £6.50 for age 5 to 15 years old so please don't let any fees put people off.

