

# The Informer



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## Letter from the Session Clerk

Church Website Address [www.clinkarthill.org.uk](http://www.clinkarthill.org.uk)

Dear Friends,

March brings to us the season of Lent with Shrove Tuesday & Ash Wednesday on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> March respectively, and once again I try Monica Galetti's delicious recipe for crêpes suzettes, usually with mixed results! But seriously, it's a time for fasting in the broadest sense - not just food, trying to let go of the rubbish that often accumulates in our lives, and look to focussing more time on our faith through reading, meditation and praying. Jesus was really into the core of his earthly ministry long before our current way of thinking about Lent. It would seem to be about September when the Feast of Tabernacles is celebrated, that Jesus finally headed towards Judea and Jerusalem, preaching and performing miracles and teaching in the temple courts. He must have experienced a very intense ministry over those final 7 or 8 months leading to the cross. I find in John's gospel the chapters from 7 to 19 the more insightful and provoking scripture for me at this time of year. John seems to take us on a slower more thoughtful journey with Christ and taking longer covering this period of time than the other gospel accounts. I wonder where our journey will take us this Lent and Easter?

On other matters, I am pleased to hear from the government that at long last after 104 weeks of restrictions in various guises, that 21<sup>st</sup> March sees an end to all restrictions. So from that date onwards we shall no longer be legally required to wear masks during worship or in the buildings, and we won't need to take names and contact details any longer. That doesn't mean the problem of Covid has gone away; we will still have sanitiser and masks available to folk who want to use them. So I But it does mean we can all enjoy singing again.

I am delighted to see Stuart return to ministry amongst us. It's been a long road for us both, but with God's grace and help we have come through it. We must accept that we don't have unlimited strength and energy and we can't do everything all the time, and probably not even some of the time. Our ministry in Clinkarthill must be shared amongst us all, and we must reshape our ministry as the time and occasion demands. Alongside all of that is of course the Presbytery Plan and there will be several meetings over the course of this year, working through what that means for every church in Glasgow. All I know at this time is that Presbytery has divided the city into 5 zones and we are in Zone 5 along with Cathcart Trinity, Cathcart Old and Govanhill Queen's Park and this zone extends eastwards towards Rutherglen, King's Park, Croftfoot and beyond. We'll organise a Congregational Meeting in due course where we can bring you all up to date with whatever information we get, and as soon as we get it, so watch this space.

Thank you one and all for your support over the months, God bless.  
Roger Gann, Session Clerk.

**The usual reminder that you can still connect with our services of worship online, in the following way:**

If you have a computer, laptop or smartphone, you can either use the Zoom app, or visit [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us).

Alternatively, on a normal telephone, you can dial 0131 460 1196. Either way, when asked, please input the following information: Meeting ID: 960 694 6264 Passcode: 012230

**On YouTube** Simply visit [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search for Clinkarthill Church.

You will be directed to our YouTube channel. The live stream will become available at around 10:55am.



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**Next Issue deadline Sunday 27 March**

Email any items for inclusion in the next Newsletter to [carol.bolland@ntlworld.com](mailto:carol.bolland@ntlworld.com)

## THE GUILD in MARCH



March 7 : The Abdication Crisis - Roy Johnstone

March 14 : The Silk Road - Vivienne MacDonald

March 21 : The Glasgow Boys - Maureen Park

March 28 : AGM and Daffodil Tea

A very big THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Sunday lunch last weekend and the Quiz Night on Monday, February 28. Between the two events £310.00 was raised for the work of the church and the charities our Guild is supporting --- 'Home for Good' and 'Chocolate Heaven'. In addition a good time was had by all. Grateful thanks also to our quiz masters, Eric and Shirley McCuish who led the quiz night and kept the teams in order. As usual a warm welcome awaits you if you wish to come to any of the meetings on a Monday although as you see our session finishes at the end of March.

Sheila Morrow, Convener

### **Art Exhibition "The God We Share"**

To celebrate Easter the Worship & Christian Growth Team are preparing an exhibition of Word & Picture called "The God We Share". It doesn't have a connecting theme but is rather an eclectic mix of photography, posters, carvings, paintings, cross stitch, calligraphy, poems and prayers reflecting the individuality and creativity of the contributors. It is a simple celebration of the God we share. We hope the exhibition will prompt each of us to reflect, worship and pray. This is an opportunity to delight in God.

### **FILM NIGHT**

Thanks to everyone who came along to our film night last Saturday. It was lovely to see the church so full of life! We had around 150 adults/children. It was great to see so many families; and of course our tuck shop went down really well too!

Lorraine Kennedy, Youth Team

### **Update from the Mission and Outreach Team**

The Mission and Outreach team have agreed to run the garden cafe from Monday 27 June for 8 weeks. It will run from 10 till 1pm. We look forward to serving the community again.

We would also like to invite you to a film night on the Saturday 9 April at 8pm. Refreshments will be available from 7.30pm. The film is Risen. We would love if you could join us to think about the Resurrection.

Keep your eyes open for an event we will be doing in a local cafe in May. A great opportunity to meet for a coffee and hear about work done by Bethany Christian Trust

Keep a lookout on the Facebook page in April for more details.

Stephen Kennedy

### **Lenten Studies**

The Lent study begins on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 10am in the Prayer Room in the sanctuary. This year we're following the life of St Ignatius of Loyola who left us a wealth of ways to come closer to God through his own lived experience and his writings. There are books available on the shelf and a sign-up sheet. Contact Joan Kilpatrick (via the Session Clerk: [sessionclerk@clincarthill.org.uk](mailto:sessionclerk@clincarthill.org.uk)) for more information.

### **Congregational Register**

The death of Mrs Wilma Aitchison of Three Bridges Care Home on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022

