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Welcome to the May

2025 Edition of

Prospect

In this edition, along with our usual features, there is news & updates from our congregation and community.

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Update on our 125th anniversary celebrations proposals.

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Chestnut Café VE day celebrations.

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If you have any ideas for additional features or any changes we can make to Prospect it would be great to hear from you.

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To submit an item for the June Prospect please email the Prospect Editor Anne by Monday 20th May.

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***At the heart of our community
celebrating faith and life to the
full.***





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Garthamlock, Ruchazie & Craigend

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Communion Services

(1st Sunday – March, June, September,
December)
10.00am

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Sunday Services

Morning Worship 10am

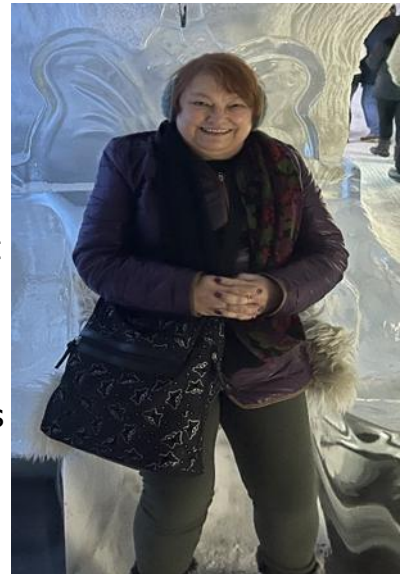
Please continue to follow the website for information about our Services. We look forward to welcoming you with us but for those who are unable to return we will continue to stream our weekly Sunday services on our Steps Parish Church YouTube channel

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI7mTSz5OI-vW_qMKKjcXAw

A Message from our Locum Minister

Hello

We are still in the season of Easter. That is the time between celebrating Jesús resurrection and his ascension. It is the time when we think about Jesús last few meetings with his disciples. Jesús met with them on several occasions over a period of seven weeks. All of these meetings were informal and friendly. I want to share my feelings when I read about these meetings. What I take away from them, not theology just feelings.



Jesús cared about these people, even after all that had happened, even after they had let him down so much he still loved them and cared enough to come back and make sure everything was fine. It is almost as if he could not settle down in heaven without that last check-up to make sure they were OK.

As I said this is my feeling about these stories and they make me feel good.

Because they show how Jesús cares for all of us. He will take the time and the trouble to come and check-up on each of us. If we let him.

He cares for us in the same way as he cared for his disciples.

He wants to be our friend.

We are moving into summer now and we are all thinking about holidays so let me wish you all a pleasant, peaceful and enjoyable holiday time, stay safe and well and don't forget your Friend Jesús is still with you wherever you go.

Blessings,

Elaine

2025 – AND BEYOND!

Stepps Parish Church (SPC) and our link partner Craigend, Ruchazie and Garthamlock Parish Church (CRG) will celebrate 125 and 70 year anniversaries in November 2025.

A small Task Force of Alastair Sim, Lorraine Robertson and Jim Hope, (SPC) and Brian Stewart, Jillian Reilly and Moira Wilkinson (CRG) met in March to make recommendations for consideration by Trustees and Congregation members.

The following “ground rules” were agreed

- Each Church will plan independently but share ideas and activities.
- Community development will be a key consideration.
- Churches will use celebrations to launch Mission Plans.
- Income generation will be an important feature of future planning.
- Recruitment of church volunteers will be encouraged.
- Anniversary celebrations will extend over a full year.

Proposed SPC Anniversary Activities (Draft)

- Garden Fete, Open Day and Open- Air Church Service
- Children’s 5-Day Summer Festival
- SPC 125th Anniversary Church Service, Brass Band Concert, History Booklet Launch,
- Anniversary Songs of Praise, Launch of Friends of SPC Fundraising Campaign
- Launch of SPC Volunteer Group
- Christmas Fayre, Launch of Instagram Members Scheme
- Burns Supper
- Launch of Welcome to Stepps package
- Easter Celebrations, Easter Bonnet, Easter Egg Creations
- Local Group Promotion- Boys Brigade, Sunday Club, Brownies, Scouts, Garnkirk FC, Bowling Club, Tennis Club, Community Council etc etc.

Many events/activities and related costs could be funded by Grant aid.

The Chestnut Café could also mount a Monthly Invitation Event on a Theme (much as they do at present) but backed by publicity funded by grants to promote integration, belonging, pride of place and community spirit.

Publicised Church Services should also feature in a planned Timeline.

Other ideas will be welcome and we want to involve Trustees, Church Members, local residents and organisations in planning our Celebrations. We also want to involve as many people as possible in planning a future strategy for our Church by way of a Mission Plan that will sustain our Church in Stepps throughout 2025 AND BEYOND!

We invite you to attend a meeting in the Church Hall on **Wednesday 15th May at 7.30pm** to hear more. **PLEASE BRING A FRIEND.**

Alastair Sim

Lorraine Robertson

Jim Hope

Thank You Letter

Please extend the love and strength I felt on receiving the beautiful flowers on the occasion of my 90th birthday. It was so kind of my friends at Stepps Parish Church.

God be with you all.

Betty McNeill

Chestnut Café



VE day is on Thursday 8th May and we at Chestnut Cafe have decided to have a 1940's morning. Come along, dress up in 1940's clothes and hairstyle if you wish. We shall have music and dancing.

If you have any wartime memorabilia or anything relating to 1940's we would be very grateful to you if you could bring it along for everyone to see. Come and join us in the celebration of the ending of war in Europe.

Chestnut Cafe helpers

Sunday Club

The Sunday Club will not meet on the May holiday weekends which are the 4th of May and the 24th of May.

New members are always welcome to come along and hear about Bible stories, join in with our games and take part in our crafting activities.

Anne, Esther and Linda

Door Welcome Team

	Welcome at Door	Welcome at Door	Beadle
May 4 th	E Watson	H Baker	J Thomson
May 11 th	S Baker	J Burns	L Ashmole
May 18 th	J Bennie	S Gowans	S Baker
May 25 th	J Hope	A McDonald	J Burns
June 1 st	R McGovern	F Shields	J Thomson



Tea Rota

May 4 th	J Bennie	E Henderson
May 11 th	E Watson	S Gowans
May 18 th	F Maxwell	H Baker
May 25 th	L Robertson	J Bennie
June 1 st	E Henderson	S Gowans



First person on tea rota please bring milk.

Early Easter Service at Hogganfield Loch



Easter Sunday Breakfast in Church Hall



We were delighted to welcome our friends from Garthamloch, Craigend and Ruchazie Parish Church for Easter Breakfast and to worship with us.

Thanks to everyone who brought along the food, helped prepare and serve our delicious Easter morning breakfast in the church hall.





**SUNDAY 11 TH MAY 2025 AT 4PM
GLASGOW CATHEDRAL HIGH ST**



Civic and Church Leaders will participate in this
Ecumenical Service, dedicated to Archbishop
Blackadder, first Archbishop of Glasgow
We will celebrate in word and song the establishment
of the city as a Bishop's Burgh in 1175 in this 850th
year of the City of Glasgow and visit the beautiful
Blackadder Aisle and St Mungo's Tomb
Music with Andrew Forbes,
Musical Director, Glasgow Cathedral
St Mungo Singers and local Schools.

ALL WELCOME

Christian Aid Week 11th – 17th May 2025



A donation to Christian Aid can help farmers and communities in countries like Burundi and Guatemala fight against the effects of climate change and escape hunger and poverty.

£6 could buy the pruning saw that means a farmer can tend to their fruit trees.

£30 could help fund the training session that teaches someone how to make valuable organic fertiliser.

£100 could fund the metal roofing sheets that shield a market stall holder and their produce from the sun and rain.

For more information on the 2025 fund raising campaign check out the Christian Aid website.

An easy way to donate is to use the link below:

[Christian Aid Week 2025 - Donate](#)

or visit the Christian Aid website.