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Welcome to the September

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***

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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 October Prospect please email the Prospect Editor Anne by Monday 22th September.

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





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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 Stepps Parish Church YouTube channel

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

Message from our Locum Minister

Hello again

Time for another magazine article.

So, I sit down to write on a beautiful sunny day. At this point the weather has been gorgeous for a few weeks now. But of course, I can't predict what it will be like by the time you read this, but I hope it is still good as by then, I will be on holiday.

Over the last few weeks my Sunday theme has been parables, so sticking to that idea I am I thinking that the weather is a kind of parable for life.

Our Scottish weather is so unpredictable but that is so like life. We don't know what tomorrow will be like. Just like the weather it might be great, or it might be rotten, it might be like a beautiful calm sunny day when everything goes well, not a care in the world. Or it might be like a raging thunderstorm, extremely unpleasant even scary.

But the good news about both the weather and life is that God is in control. He is with us on a sunny afternoon at the beach or in a raging thunderstorm, He is with us when life is good, and we are happy, and he is with us when things go wrong, when we are suffering.

So, as we move towards winter and the weather gets more unpleasant let's just keep one thing always in mind that God is with us.

I will just end by sharing my favourite psalm with you.

^{NIV} **Psalm 121:1** I lift up my eyes to the hills-- where does my help come from? ² My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. ³ He will not let your foot slip-- he who watches over you will not slumber; ⁴ indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. ⁵ The LORD watches over you-- the LORD is your shade at your right hand; ⁶ the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. ⁷ The LORD will keep you from all harm-- he will watch over your life; ⁸ the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

With every blessing,

Elaine





The Chestnut Cafe staff would be very pleased to welcome back all our cafe friends on 4th September 10am to 1pm.

Come along, bring new friends and enjoy our lovely fare.

See you on Thursday 4th September.

The Chestnut Cafe staff

The Sunday Club

The Sunday Club started the new session on the 17th of August.

All young people from 3 to 15 years of age are welcome any Sunday to join in our fun activities, games and to share Bible stories.

The Sunday Club will be on holiday on Sunday 28th September which is the school holiday weekend.

Anne, Esther and Linda

Holy Communion Sunday 7th September



We will be celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion and sharing fellowship with each other on Sunday the 1st of September.

"The bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

(John 6:33)

SPC – 2025 AND BEYOND

AN UPDATE

A small, dedicated band has been engaged over the summer months to take forward some of the ideas that were announced in an earlier Prospect.

A brief summary of progress is offered thus.

- A special commemorative Church Service has been planned, (See separate entry from Alastair Sim, Session Clerk).
- A Director of a leading Glasgow construction company, and a former 190th BB member, is carrying out an overview of the development plans we suggested for premises and grounds. He will advise on feasibility, planning permissions and projected costs. This information will be presented to Trustees for decisions on next steps.
- With a view to increasing income from hall lets, premises are being listed on a free website “Hallshire” to attract additional users.
- Installation of a stained-glass window is being considered. Cost will be around £5,000. Assuming approval from Trustees, a Go Fund Me page will be launched on Facebook to cover costs.
- A list of Anniversary Events is being finalised for 2025/2026, commencing in September. Discussions are ongoing with various performing arts groups to augment a number of SPC activities, with the aim of attracting large numbers of people to our church. We anticipate costs can be offset by income generated and by grant funding.
- Some novel methods are being considered to increase regular funding for the Church. Proposals will be presented to Trustees in the Autumn.

As plans develop, the onus on the present committee of five people will greatly expand. They will need help from additional volunteers. If you or someone you know would be willing to help, please contact Alastair asap.

Jim Hope

125th Anniversary Celebrations

Our 125th Anniversary Celebrations will start with a special service on Sunday 21st September.

Details are still being finalised and further details of this service will be announced shortly.

Alastair Sim

Door Welcome Rota

	Welcome at Door	Beadle
Sept 7 th	J Bennie	S Baker
Sept 14 th	J Hope	J Burns
Sept 21 st	M Inglis	J Thomson
Sept 28 th	R McGovern	L Ashmole
Oct 5 th	J Thomson	S Baker



Tea Duty

Sept 7 th	J Bennie	C Logan
Sept 14 th	E Watson	E Henderson
Sept 21 st	L Robertson	F Maxwell
Sept 28 th	E Watson	E Henderson
Oct 5 th	J Bennie	H Baker



First person on tea rota please bring milk.

June Thomson



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Lodging House Mission – Harvest Donation Requests 2025

We are so grateful to you for supporting LHM year after year, it means a lot to us. We've put together a short list of the things we need most. If you're able, please pick from these - we've thought it through so it reflects what we actually use. We've also included a few everyday essentials we usually have to buy; donating these would save us money that we can redirect to other areas of our work. Your help allows us cook hot, nutritious lunches and put together food parcels for clients who are struggling. If a cash donation is easier, we'll use it to buy fresh fruit, veg and other perishables we need, keeping meals healthy and cutting waste. Thank you from The LHM Team

Cereal	Tinned Fruit	Tinned Meat / Fish
Corn Flakes/Crunchy Nut	*Peaches	Tuna/Salmon
Weetabix	*Pears	Corned beef
Rice Crispies	*Pineapples	Ham
Sugar Puffs	*Mandarins	Tinned mince, stew etc
Frosties	*Fruit Cocktail	Other Tinned Food
Coco Pops	*Rice Pudding	*Baked Beans
Cheerios	*Custard	Spaghetti in sauce
Muesli		*Tinned Soups – tomato, vegetable, chicken, lentil, scotch broth, minestrone, pea & ham, chicken noodle
Jars/Pastes	Other	
Pasta bake sauces	Full Fat UHT milk	
Curry Sauce/paste	Coconut Milk	
Tomato paste	Small juice cartons	
	Diluting/fresh juice	Other
Dried Goods	*Coffee	Brown Sauce
Mixed herbs	*Biscuits	Tomato Sauce
Garlic powder	Crisps	Vinegar
Ground turmeric	Tea Bags	Porridge oats
Chilli powder	Kettle Foods	Dried peas
Crushed chillies	Pot Noodles	Lentils / Broth mix
Ground coriander	Cuppa Soups	Olive oil
Black pepper	Tinned Potatoes	*Vegetable oil
Salt	Sachets dried mash potato	*Bisto
Pasta	Ring Pull Ham tins	*Veg Stock cubes/ bullion
Long grain rice	Breakfast bars	*Jelly
	Cereal Bars	*Sugar
Toiletries (all types)	Individual packets sweets	Jam
Washing up liquid, Toilet Rolls, Washing Powder		
*OUT OF STOCK – URGENTLY NEEDED		

Not Required List

Salad Cream/Mayonnaise	Shredded Wheat Cereal	Red Kidney Beans
Pearl Barley	Prunes	Chickpeas
Marmalade	Alpen	Grapefruit
Clothing	Bedding/duvet	towels

LHM360 **ANNUAL HOMELESSNESS** **SERVICE**

With Guest Speaker
Rt Rev Rosie Frew
Moderator of the General Assembly of
the Church of Scotland

9th October 2025 at 7pm
at

35 East Campbell Street,
Glasgow, G1 5DT

All Welcome
Please join us for refreshments
following the service



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190th GLASGOW COMPANY, THE BOYS' BRIGADE

We are BACK!

All sections Enrolment Evening **Old and New Members Welcome**

Monday 25th August at 7.00 p.m.

There will be a short presentation followed by time to complete paperwork etc. **All Parents please attend if possible as it saves time in the following weeks!**

New Session Starts Monday 1st September

Anchors 6.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.

Juniors 6.00 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.

Company and Seniors 7.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m

SEE YOU ALL THEN

