

# Prospect

## Magazine of Stepps Parish Church



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### Welcome to the February 2026 Edition of Prospect

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

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***Our new minister, Robbie Hamilton, taking up his charge in March***

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***News from the Boys Brigade***

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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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**Minister:** Currently Vacant

**Session Clerk:** Alastair Sim

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### **Website**

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### **Follow us on Facebook:**

<https://www.facebook.com/steppsparishchurch>

### **Prospect**

**To submit an item for the December/January Prospect please email the Prospect Editor Anne by Monday 16th February.**

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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

### Contacts:

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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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI7mTSz5OI-vW_qMKKjcXAw)

## Message from our Session Clerk



Hello there and welcome to this month's edition of Prospect.

I hope you had a nice time over the Christmas period and are looking forward to 2026. This year will represent a new chapter for our Congregation as we are pleased to be calling our new minister, Robbie Hamilton, to the charge of Stepps Parish Church and Garthamlock, Ruchazie and Craigend Parish Church. I know that Robbie is very much looking forward to taking up his position in March as our new leader.

It must be mentioned how grateful and appreciative we are for the services recently led by Susan Boland, Elaine McKinnon and Stewart and Edith McMillan. Susan is off to 'pastures new' and we wish her well.

Now that the holidays are over, please remember to keep an eye on our vulnerable members of the church who may be just looking for some company and friendship.

As always, I wish you and yours happiness, health and wellbeing in this New Year.

*Alistair Sim*

## Thursday Faith and Fellowship Group

A small group has started meeting on Thursdays at 7:30-9:00pm in the Session room to explore our faith in a safe, non-judgemental space. There's a chance for conversations over a cuppa. For eight weeks, our discussions are being guided by the Bible course, produced by the Bible Society, which is a mix of videos and discussion points. The content is also available at the website, <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/the-bible-course> if anyone is considering coming along. It's been so encouraging and affirming to be involved in such conversations. If interested in joining please contact Ailsa on 07952 095 380.





## 190<sup>th</sup> GLASGOW COMPANY, THE BOYS' BRIGADE

Before Christmas we enjoyed two weeks of festive arts and crafts, games and films, and of course the obligatory visit from S. Clause....



We've restarted now after our Christmas break and have a full programme planned for the second half of the Session, starting off on our first night with the latest of many visits from our friends at Hoots Owls.



## CAN YOU HELP?

Due to our growing numbers, we are in great need of adult help on a Monday night. We expect to expand our numbers even further next year, and will really need help at that point. If anyone would be interested in helping out, either weekly or just occasionally, it would be greatly appreciated. Please get in touch with me if you would like to know more.

Anchor Boys for Boys in P1-P3, and Junior Section for Boys in P4-P6 meet on Mondays from 6.00pm to 7.30pm. Company Section meets on Mondays from 7.00pm to 9.00pm for Boys in Primary 7 and above. New members are always welcome. **WE ARE PARTICULARLY KEEN TO SEE MORE BOYS IN THE ANCHOR BOYS!** Please spread the word!

Colin Goodall

Captain

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## Chestnut Café

The café has returned after the Christmas break.

Our activity during February is line dancing with Gary.

All are welcome at the café for scones, pancakes etc and our varied menu for lunch.

See you every Thursday from 10am to 1pm.

*Chestnut Café Team*



# STEPPS PARISH CHURCH

## SPC 2025 – AND BEYOND

### PROGRESS REPORT

#### PREMISES/GROUNDS DEVELOPMENT

##### **Strategy –**

**To update premises and create additional space for let and income generation.**

A quote for £2,475 was approved by Trustees to engage McLennan Architects (part of Morris Spottiswood Construction Group) to produce a Feasibility Plan, a necessary stage in the Royal Institute of British Architects Plan for Growth, which is the nationally accepted methodology before funding applications and possibly construction.

#### OUTREACH

##### **Strategy-**

**To improve communication and engagement within the population of Stepps, which has grown dramatically to a “small town” classification of 7,000 in recent years, to encourage a faith-based community spirit.**

An initiative to create a *Welcome to Stepps* booklet containing a “people’s history” of Stepps was launched in October via PROSPECT. Young and old have been asked to contribute first or second-hand accounts of local facts and anecdotes that could prove interesting to new residents. A price for production of an A5 is being sought prior to approaching funders for grant aid. The estimated cost is £1,750 for 1,000 copies, funded by grant aid.

A plan to create an on-line link to residents who are non-members will be launched early January. The plan is for members to liaise with neighbours, friends etc who may be interested in being kept up to date with SPC activities via social media.

A review of existing community activities will be carried out to identify gaps in service provision the Church could address via courses and programmes supported by grant aid.

#### HALL LETS

##### **Strategy-**

**To continue with our successful halls utilisation and increase footfall and income.**

Church premises have been listed on Hallshire, a free online listing of premises available for hire.

Premises utilisation figures are being calculated to identify possible income targets.

#### FUNDRAISING

##### **Strategy-**

**To establish additional and sustainable income streams.**

A “Friends of SPC” funding appeal to non-members who may wish to support our activities, and a Stewardship Campaign will be considered by Trustees at their next meeting.

*Jim Hope*

## Sunday Club Nativity

The Nativity Story came from the Glasgow Gospel, read by our young people.



Mary and Joseph  
and, of course,  
the baby Jesus!



A special visitor dressed for the occasion!



The Sunday Club would also like to say a big thank you to everyone who donated toys and games for children in the east end of Glasgow and for the Christmas food for the Ruchazie pantry. Both organisations appreciated the donations.

*Anne, Esther and Linda*

### Welcome Team

	Welcome at Door	Beadle
February 1st	J Bennie	J Burns
February 8 <sup>th</sup>	S Gowans	J Thomson
February 15th	J Hope	L Ashmole
February 22nd	M Inglis	S Baker
March 1st	R McGovern	J Burns



### Tea Rota

February 1st	H Baker	C Logan
February 8 <sup>th</sup>	E Watson	E Cameron
February 15th	J Bennie	E Henderson
February 22nd	L Robertson	F Maxwell
March 1st	C Skinner	S Gowans



*First person on tea duty please bring milk.*

*June Thomson*

## Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre held in December raised the fantastic sum of £1850 for church funds. A very big thank you to the team of people who planned, organised and helped out on the day to raise this significant amount.



## Advent Collections

£290 was raised at services over Christmas and a cheque for this amount was sent to DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal.

## Church Christmas Post

The church Christmas Post delivery raised a total of £220 for church funds.