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**Welcome to the March**

**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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***Reverend Robbie Hamilton's Induction Service Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March***

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***Details of our Quiz Night and the World Day of Prayer Service***

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





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(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/UCI7mTSz5OInel/vW\\_qMkKjcXAw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI7mTSz5OInel/vW_qMkKjcXAw)

## Message from our Session Clerk

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

We are already well into 2026 and I hope that your year has been going well so far. There is a lot to look forward to in Stepps Parish Church as we move into the season of Lent. On Friday the 6th March we join with our friends at Garthamlock, Ruchazie and Craigend (GRaC) to celebrate World Day of Prayer. Then, on Thursday 12th March, it is the Service of Induction to be held at GRaC for our new minister, the Reverend Robbie Hamilton.



A big thank you must go to our Locum Minister, Elaine McKinnon, who is recovering well from her recent operation. We at Stepps Parish Church send her love and good wishes. In Elaine's absence, we have been very grateful to the Revds. Edith and Stewart McMillan who have stepped in and delivered entertaining and engaging services.

As always, I wish you and yours happiness, health and wellbeing.

*Alastair Sim*

### **March Holy Communion**

Our quarterly Communion Service will be held on Sunday the 1st of March at 10am.





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



At this time of year we're starting to think about Easter activities and our Summer plans, but meantime we carry on with the weekly programme of games, arts and crafts, cookery, and Bible knowledge. As always, we vary the programme to fit in with the time of year, and in the run-up to Shrove Tuesday the Boys made and decorated pancakes. The Junior Section are busy practicing for the upcoming Battalion Figure Marching Competition, which is a new venture for us. Seniors continue to provide invaluable assistance to the Staff as Non-Commissioned Officers, working towards the leadership requirement of their King's Badge course.

### **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.

### **RECRUITS WELCOME!**

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 cafe**

Come along to our cafe and enjoy a tea and coffee and food and try our lunch menu

We meet every Thursday 10 am to 1pm. You could also try line dancing with our super teacher, Gary.

We like to raise money for a charity. Our charity this month is Red Nose Day. On 19<sup>th</sup> March, come to the cafe wearing something red. All money donated on this day will go to this very worthwhile cause.

See you on a Thursday

*Chestnut cafe staff*

## Door Duty

	Welcome at Door	Beadle
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	R McGovern	J Burns
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	F Shields	C Skinner
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	E Watson	J Thomson
March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	H Baker	L Ashmole
March 29 <sup>th</sup>	J Bennie	S Baker
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	S Gowans	J Burns



## Tea Duty

March 1 <sup>st</sup>	H Baker	S Gowans
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	J Bennie	F Maxwell
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	L Robertson	E Cameron
March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	E Cameron	J Bennie
March 29 <sup>th</sup>	E Henderson	E Watson
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	H Baker	F Maxwell



**First person on tea duty please bring milk.**

*June Thomson*

### **Family Quiz Night**

As part of the Stepps Parish Church's 125 celebrations, we are having a quiz night on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. All are welcome.

Adults £5 Children free

Come along, on your own, as part of a group or as a family. Tea, coffee, lots of cakes and prizes are on offer. Tickets can be bought from Esther at Chestnut Cafe or on a Sunday morning or pay at the door.

Please come along and have a fun evening.

*Events Group*



## World Day of Prayer Service

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**“I Will Give You Rest: Come”**

(Matthew 11:28-30)

Prepared by WDP Nigeria.



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026 7.00 p.m.

### Garthamlock, Ruchazie and Craigend Parish Church



The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement that brings Christians of many traditions together to observe a common day of prayer each year. Through preparation and participation in the worship service, we can learn how our sisters of other countries, languages and cultures understand the Biblical passages in their context. We can hear their concerns and needs and can join in solidarity with them as we pray with and for them. In this way, it is possible to enrich our Christian faith as it grows deeper and broader in an international, ecumenical expression.

The motto of the World Day of Prayer movement is *Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action*. Through our participation in the World Day of Prayer, we affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence on the world.

Let us turn our hearts and minds to the words of Jesus found in the Gospel of Matthew. Let us hear these words as a gracious invitation from the very heart of God.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Join us for this years’ service hosted by our friends at Garthamlock, Ruchazie and Craigend Parish Church

**All welcome**

*An offering will be collected at the service with proceeds going towards supporting the ministry of the WDP movement.*

**Tea and Coffee will be served afterwards**

## 2025 -AND BEYOND

### WELCOME TO STEPPS -PEOPLES HISTORY

The first rough draft of a booklet designed to encourage residents in our rapidly expanded community to embrace community and local organisations, including SPC, has been completed. It consists of 11 sections covering 8 foolscap pages. One section **IN THE PAST** is presented below for your comment, corrections, additions, and importantly your memories and experiences. Comment will be presented in italics. Other sections will be produced in Prospect in coming months. If you would like a full draft copy now, please e-mail [jamhp9@outlook.com](mailto:jamhp9@outlook.com)

**Other sections to follow include. BUSINESS & SHOPS, STEPPS ORGANISATIONS, CHURCHES - PAST AND PRESENT, FARMS, PUBLIC AMENITIES, FAMOUS PEOPLE, MOLINDINAR-SOURCE AND COURSE? HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS, ORIGIN OF PLACE NAME, COUNTRYSIDE.**

### IN THE PAST

#### **Stepps Golf Course**

The Course and Clubhouse was situated on land to the north of Whitehill Farm Road. It was opened in ??? and ceased operations in ???.

#### **Cardowan Miners Welfare**

The Welfare hall was a wooden building consisting of a main hall, a snooker room and male and female restrooms, once situated at the start of Comedie Road. It became the headquarters of the Cardowan Amateur Boxing Club for some years. Jim Watt, the World Light Heavyweight Champion, was a member of Cardowan ABC.

Stepps Public Hall, formerly the Union Hall, was situated in Cardowan Drive and consisted of two halls and meeting rooms. It is now a private house.

#### **Stepps Telephone Exchange**

This was situated in the upper floor of flats on Cumbernauld Road across from where the post box is located.

#### **Armoury and Armoury House**

The Red Deer housing estate was previously a pig rearing facility housed in buildings that once held ammunitions and equipment for military groups in Glasgow, including the Third Lanark Volunteers, later the famous football club. Prior to Red Deer development, railway cuttings were evident to allow easy loading/unloading. The rail embankment from the main line at the old Stepps Station is still in place. The manager of the facility lived in the Armoury House, a detached building approximately 100 metres from the piggery on the rail link and adjacent to the Quarry Football park.

## **Stepps Police Station**

Stepps Police Station buildings consisted of police houses and a fully equipped Police Station on Cumbernauld opposite the Children's Nursery.

## **Stepps Stadium**

**To be added.**

## **Turnpike Road – (Whitehill Farm Road)**

A turnpike Road ran from Muirhead at the Toll House, still in existence on Cumbernauld Road (South) at its junction with Lindsaybeg Road, along Mount Harriet Drive, Whitehill Farm Road. This had to be used by drovers centuries ago as it was the only dry route over which to drive their beasts to the markets held in Glasgow. Herders would move beasts along the track, still in existence near the Boxing Club, and drive them to open grazing fields behind where the Childrens Nursery stands. Before the railway came into existence there was a one storey Inn just down Station Road where drovers were accommodated overnight with an early summer rise to drive their herd on to the Market in Glasgow. The Inn was demolished in the 1950's (?).

## **Coronation Celebrations**

For Queen Elizabeth's Coronation, Stepps held a large celebration in what had been formerly a rubbish coup to the west of ???? Road and opposite Frankfield Loch. Many thousands turned up to see Mr Pollock Smith, District Councillor light a huge bonfire after which the Fireman from Cardowan Colliery ignited fireworks.

## **Cardowan House**

Up until the 1960's the remains of Cardowan House could be seen from the A///, Easterhouse to Gartloch Road. What appeared to be a substantial building it stood on open ground and was accessed from what is now Cardowan Road.

## **Mount Harriet House**

All that remains of this grand house is a pillar on the drive recording the turnpike road that passed. This pillar was one of two that supported a gate into a courtyard surrounded by a stable, garages for carts and the main house. It was a three storey building with a grand entrance and gardens to the front (where Stepps School is now), also accessed at the front from a drive way that started at Cumbernauld Road directly across from Cardowan Road. Eventually it became a house of multiple occupancy for Council Workers, and the Stable became the first "home" for the Stepps Fire Brigade in 1953. The former Fire Station is now a private house.

*"I remember when Mount Harriet House was derelict and the Fire Brigade was the only occupant. We got a call one day and I was in the Watchroom whilst the appliance was fighting a fire in Bishopbriggs. A young boy called to say the roof of the adjoining house was alight. I must be one of the few fireman in the UK who had to dial 999 and report his own station on fire!"*

### **Scottish Coal Board Cup Winners (football)**

Cardowan Colliery had a football team that played on the Moss, a football pitch some 500 metres from the changing rooms in the Colliery and adjacent to the railway line. In 19?? They won the Scottish Coal Board Cup at Hannah Park Shotts. They came back in triumph to Cardowan and to a bus top victory parade ending with a social evening in the Miners Welfare.

### **District Reporter (newspaper)**

A newspaper featuring Steps District was printed in 19?? and ran for two editions.

*Jim Hope*

### **Sad News**

It is with great sadness that we intimate the death of one of our church members, Mrs Jean Pettigrew on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February.

Details of Jean's funeral have yet to be finalised.

**"My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?"**

(John 14:2)

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