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Welcome to the June

2026 Edition of

Prospect

Sunday Services
Morning Worship 10am

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

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Boys Brigade Display News

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Our Summer Brunches

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Information on our June Services and Themes



***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

These are held on the 1st Sunday of
March, June, September and
December at our usual time of
10.00am

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Please continue to follow our website for further information about our Services. We look forward to welcoming you with us on a Sunday morning but for those who are unable to join us in person, we continue to stream our weekly Sunday services on our Stepps Parish Church YouTube channel

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



Dear friends

I have only been the minister in this joint charge for just over two months, but I feel that I have been here for so much longer. This is not because time has dragged in – it is had flown in. It is because I feel so very settled into the lives of both congregations where the welcome to the church family here and the commitment to the advancement of the Kingdom of God has been second to none.

In exploring this charge and all that was to follow I found that doors opened up and they continue to open up as opportunities are emerging in different places and different ways – opportunities for me in my ministry and for all of us in our individual and collective ministries. These opportunities are within the congregations and also within the communities including all of the schools serving both parishes which is so terribly exciting.

Down through the years I have had the privilege of serving in five primary schools and two secondaries one of which I still have a connection in supporting Airdrie Academy in visits to Belgium and the war graves. I used to have a debate with one of my colleagues about the effectiveness of chaplaincy in a secondary school setting. He questioned whether it was worthwhile simply because he believed that the young people didn't listen to a word we said! Laying aside whether the message gets across or not (I think it often does) when is key to me is not whether the young people remember what I say or not but what they remember about me and what kind of person I am because that is what they will judge me on and judge the church on.

This is true of all of us and at Pentecost, when the church visible came to life, the followers of Jesus experienced an increase in interest in numbers because of what they said and also because of how they lived – the experience of their sharing with each other and with others in the wider community of what they had and who they were was so attractive, such a draw that people were being added to their number on a daily basis.

“All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”

May the Spirit of God open our lives and our shared life to the possibility of what he can do both in us and through us as we share who we are and what we have to the glory of God and the good of all people.

Your friend and minister

Robbie

SUMMER BRUNCHES

At both Garthamlock, Ruchazie and Craigend and Stepps Summer Brunches are being organised. These are for anyone in the congregations and parishes. They are geared towards families with children encouraged to bring an adult with them but they are not exclusive to them – they are open to anyone who wants to come along. Children do have to have an adult with them.

This is an opportunity through a bite to eat, arts, crafts and games just to get to know each other and open up the churches to the wider community. The two at the beginning of the summer will recognise the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow and focus on TEAMWORK. The second two at the end of the summer will focus on FRIENDSHIP. The dates and times are as follows

Saturday, 27 th June	Garthamlock, Ruchazie and Craigend	10.00 – 12.30
Saturday, 4 th July	Stepps	10.00 – 12.30
Saturday, 1 st August	Garthamlock, Ruchazie and Craigend	10.00 – 12.30
Saturday, 8 th August	Stepps	10.00 – 12.30

To help with numbers for catering purposes you are asked to register for the events and a registration form is available by emailing –

gracs.activities@btinternet.com

If you require any more information please get in touch with Robbie.

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SERVICES

Sunday, 7 th June	<i>Bearing Fruit: Joy</i>		
	Stepps	10.00	All Age Communion
	GRAC	11.30	All Age Communion
Sunday, 14 th June	<i>Bearing Fruit: Peace</i>		
	Stepps	10.00	Morning Worship
	GRAC	11.30	Morning Worship
Sunday, 21 st June	<i>Bearing Fruit: Patience</i>		
	Stepps	10.00	Morning Worship
	GRAC	11.30	Morning Worship
Sunday, 28 th June	<i>Bearing Fruit: Kindness</i>		
	Stepps	10.00	Morning Worship
	GRAC	11.30	Morning Worship
Sunday, 5 th July	<i>Bearing Fruit: Goodness</i>		
	Stepps	10.00	Morning Worship
	GRAC	11.30	All Age Communion



Message from our Session Clerk

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

I hope you are enjoying the recent nice weather and spending quality time with friends and family. Please keep an eye on your neighbours as it is easy at this time of year to forget about people who are lonely and isolated for various reasons.

Robbie, our new minister, is continuing to settle into his new charge and is having a positive impact on the church and the surrounding community. In the middle of May, Robbie and I attended the annual General Assembly in Edinburgh. Over the four consecutive days there was much debate on important church and wider matters but there was also time for companionship and reflection.

When you see the turmoil and strife which is happening in other parts of the world it makes one realise how fortunate we are to live in a free and prosperous society. We should always be appreciative of the gifts and privileges which we have been blessed with by God.

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

Alastair Sim



190th GLASGOW COMPANY, THE BOYS' BRIGADE

We're heading towards the end of the Session, when we start getting into our Summer Programme, and, touch wood, it would appear that the weather is cooperating for once.

Our Annual Display went well (apart from the traditional technical hitch with the music for the opening hymn, which I think we should possibly start adding to the programme). Our Inspecting Officer was familiar to many of the Boys and parents, Mr. Cameron Galloway, Principal Teacher at Stepps Primary School.

The high point of the evening was the presentation of annual awards, including the highest award in the BB, the King's Badge, to Cpl. Euan Adam. Euan will also take part in the Glasgow Battalion Parade of King's Men in Glasgow City Centre on 28th May, followed by presentation of the certificate in Glasgow City Chambers. Other Seniors continue to work on their Kings Badges, and we look forward to presenting them next Summer.

Summer events will take up the next few weeks before we wind up for a break (sort of, there's always planning for next Session to get on with). First we'll be attending the open day at Stepps Primary to do a bit of recruiting, we'll hopefully see many of you there.

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 around local primary schools (Stepps, Avenue End and Sunnyside).

Colin Goodall

Captain

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SPC – 2025 AND BEYOND

AN UPDATE

The Peoples History booklet for distribution to new households in Stepps and District has been completed as a first draft. Sections were published in the last four editions of Prospect with a request for your stories and memories of the places and people mentioned.

Feedback has been good but we need more. A meeting is being planned for the summer months when, members of the Sunday Club and Boys Brigade can meet church members over a coffee to discuss booklet topics and attract further comment.

If you wish to be included in the Group please contact 07796 998491.

ANY GRAPHIC ARTISTS OUT THERE WHO COULD HELP WITH PRODUCTION?

The Feasibility Study prepared by McLellan Architects has been examined by Trustees and by property experts from Church of Scotland in Edinburgh. We have scheduled another meeting with Architects to discuss positioning of Church Toilet facilities, car parking and existing toilet/kitchen refurbishment. The view of your trustees and that of the funding department at 121 George Street is that we should not delay our plans for refurbishment and we hope to engage a Quantity Surveyor to advise on costs and a Contractor with a view to carrying out works to existing facilities during the summer period.

Jim Hope

Sunday Club

On Sunday the 7th of June the Sunday Club will be staying in church for the All Age Communion Service. Sunday 21st will be our Prize Giving Service and our last Sunday before we have a break over the school summer holidays.

We hope to arrange a visit to Golfit at Hogganfield to participate in the footgolf and nature trail on Saturday 20th June.

We would like to thank all our children and young people for their enthusiasm and commitment throughout the last year and for the support of parents and guardians.

Linda, Esther and Anne look forward to welcoming you all back after a restful summer holiday.

Door Duty



	Welcome at Door	Welcome at Door	Beadle
June 7th	S Gowans	J Thomson	J Burns
June 14th	J Hope	M Inglis	C Skinner
June 21st	R McGovern	F Shields	J Thomson
June 28th	E Watson	J Thomson	L Ashmole
July 5th	H Baker	J Burns	S Baker

Tea Duty

June 7th	E Henderson	F Maxwell
June 14th	L Robertson	C Logan
June 21st	S Gowans	E Watson
June 28th	E Henderson	F Maxwell
July 5th	J Bennie	C Skinner



First person on tea duty please bring milk.

Apologies if you are on door duty or tea duty several times over the summer period but most who volunteer for this duty are unavailable due to holiday plans.

Anyone willing to help with tea duty once a month please contact June Thomson

June

Lodging House Mission AGM

Our Lodging House Mission Coordinator, Frank McGovern has shared the invite below to their AGM.

Our 2026 Annual General Meeting

'This is Us' - Rooted. Trusted. Intentional.



Join us for a wonderful evening and hear all about the great work we do here at LHM360. There will be entertainment and a lovely buffet.

We do hope you can join us!



Time
6pm



Date
17th June 2026

'Splash and Dash'

Our minister Robbie is taking part in a sponsored Splash and Dash to raise funds for our summer brunches. If you would like to sponsor Robbie sponsorship forms are available at the table at the back of the church

Cabaret Night in September - date for your diary

