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Welcome to the July/August

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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Get your tickets for the Cabaret Night on 4th September!

Morning Worship

Sunday Services at 10am

Sunday 30th August

Joint Service with GraC at 11am

in Stepps Parish Church

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





**Stepps Parish Church linked with
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

This is the bumper edition of “Prospect” and, as such, is the edition covering both July and August. A bumper edition of a magazine or a comic usually contains more pages and/or content than a standard issue because it does normally cover a longer period of time. This is why I always looked forward to the bumper edition of “The Beano” in the summer months – more material, more stories and so on.

I trust that as we continue on our journey together that we might increasingly see more and more to celebrate in the life of the church in what has happened and increasingly see in what we are looking forward to with services and events, as well as opportunities to build on and develop our worship, work and witness.

In the past you have enjoyed café church – a different way of doing church on a Sunday morning with people sitting around tables and, having been met with a cuppa, using the time to pursue a theme Sunday by Sunday in the context of worship of God and fellowship with each other. This will take place in the first four weeks in August at the service at Garthamlock, Ruchazie and Craigend at 11.30 a.m.

If you haven’t discovered it already, you soon will and that is how busy my mind is at times. I always have a notebook with me wherever I go just in case a thought – a seed of an idea – comes to mind. I have the notebook because even though I might think about something at the time, not long after that time I can quite easily forget about it! God calls us to busyness but not a busyness for the sake of it but a busyness about the business when it comes to the advancement of the kingdom of God – the sharing of the gifts of God with the whole people of God especially the gift of love which is the greatest gift of all.

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Are we nearly there yet? No but we press on toward the goal as together we make disciples and nurture one another in faith.

May God continue to bless us in all our endeavours.

Your friend and minister

Robbie

SPLASH AND DASH

Robbie would like to say a big “thank you” to those who supported his sponsored event to raise funds to support summer activities. He survived the “splash” into the plunge pool at Garthamlock, Ruchazie and Craigend and those who bravely watched his attempt at line dancing survived that as well! From those who offered hospitality on the day through to those who donated your generosity has been overwhelming.

With the addition of Gift Aid which will be claimed at a later stage we have broken through the £1400 mark which is £400 more than the £1000.

Go Team GRAC and Stepps!!!



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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SUMMER SERVICES

Summer Services will be at the usual times of 10.00 (Stepps) and 11.30 (Garthamlock, Ruchazie and Craigend) with Café Church taking place in Garthamlock, Ruchazie and Craigend during the first four weeks of August and a joint service at Stepps at the end of August.

Café Church is a more relaxed form of worship with those gathering sitting around tables enjoying food, friendship and fellowship with hymns, songs, readings, crafts and associated activities. The following timetable has been produced to assist you.

Sunday, 5 th July	<i>Bearing Fruit: Goodness</i>		
	Stepps	10.00	Morning Worship
	GRAC	11.30	All Age Communion
Sunday, 12 th July	<i>Bearing Fruit: Faithfulness</i>		
	Stepps	10.00	Morning Worship
	GRAC	11.30	Morning Worship

Sunday, 19 th July	<i>Morning Worship</i>		
	Stepps	10.00	Morning Worship
	GRAC	11.30	Morning Worship
Sunday, 26 th July	<i>Bearing Fruit: Self-control</i>		
	Stepps	10.00	Morning Worship
	GRAC	11.30	Morning Worship
Sunday, 2 nd August	<i>Making a meal of worship: a wedding transformed</i>		
	Stepps	10.00	Morning Worship
	GRAC	11.30	Café Church with Communion
Sunday, 9 th August	<i>Making a meal of worship: an invitation to tea</i>		
	Stepps	10.00	Morning Worship
	GRAC	11.30	Café Church
Sunday, 16 th August	<i>Making a meal of worship: something to celebrate</i>		
	Stepps	10.00	Morning Worship
	GRAC	11.30	Café Church
Sunday, 23 rd August	<i>Making a meal of worship: picnic on the grass</i>		
	Stepps	10.00	Morning Worship
	GRAC	11.30	Café Church
*Sunday, 30 th August	<i>Making a meal of worship: dinner in Bethany</i>		
	Stepps	11.00	Joint Service
			Joint Kirk Session Meeting

GRAC – Garthamlock, Ruchazie and Craigend

***N.B. the change of time for the joint service.** A joint Kirk Session meeting will take place after the joint service. If you require transport to Stepps please be in touch with Brian the GRAC Session Clerk.

DATA CLEANSE

Periodically any company, organisation or charity is duty bound under civil law to do what is called a “data cleanse” which is an opportunity to make sure that the information held about individuals – name, address, telephone number, email address - is correct. The Kirk Session has just updated policies around this and data protection and are following this up with a visit to each household to make sure that the information we have is accurate.

It is also an opportunity to catch up with you and hear what has been happening to offer support and see how you can be involved in the life of the church.

Arrangements are under way and we hope to be seeing you towards the end of the summer.

CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

This is an important part of any communication to the congregation and is something of an update of what has been happening within the family of the church as well as being a focus for prayer – remembering and supporting each other is so important and greatly encouraging.

Funerals

13 th May	Elizabeth (Liz) MacDonald
21 st May	Richard (Ricky) Archibald
29 th May	George Bunyan
7 th July	Dr Jean Jamieson

Message from our Session Clerk

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

It seems hard to believe that we are almost at the end of June in 2026. The highlights of this month included Robbie’s Splash and Dash which started with a dip into the cold water of the plunge pool at Garthamlock, Ruchazie and Craigend Parish Church followed



by line-dancing at Stepps Parish Church with Gary. At the time of writing, £1400 has been raised for the church. Well Done, Robbie!

I feel that this time of year makes one realise the temporary nature of our time on this earth and the miracle of life itself. As the saying goes “live each day like it is your last”. In today’s busy world, it is easy to forget the importance of friends and family as other distractions can influence our priorities. This is particularly true with the technological advances which bombard our lives for both good and bad. Being at peace with ourselves and living a life which is as good as we can by following the example given by Jesus.

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

Alastair Sim

Chestnut Café

The cafe welcomes everyone to come along every Thursday to enjoy tea, coffee, cakes, scones and a variety of lunch choices.

We will be closing the cafe during August and reopen on Thursday 3rd September.

Our charity on the last Thursday of July will Maggies' Centre. This organisation is 30 years old this year. If you go into Glasgow this summer, you may see lots of painted scottie dogs. These statues are linked to Maggies' Centre.

A very big thank you to all our customers. It's great to see you every Thursday, rain or shine.

Keep coming please. See you in September.

From everyone in the kitchen at the café.



Sunday Club

The Sunday Club had an active afternoon on Saturday 20th June at Golfit, Hogganfield Park showing off our footballing skills on the Footgolf course. We were blessed with a lovely, sunny afternoon and had a great fun time.



Our prizegiving service on Sunday 21st June, marked our final Sunday Club before the summer break. We hope all our young people have a wonderful summer holiday and look forward to welcoming you back when we resume on **Sunday 16th August**.

All children and young people are welcome to join us on Sunday mornings for crafts, games and to hear Bible Stories.

Anne, Esther and Linda

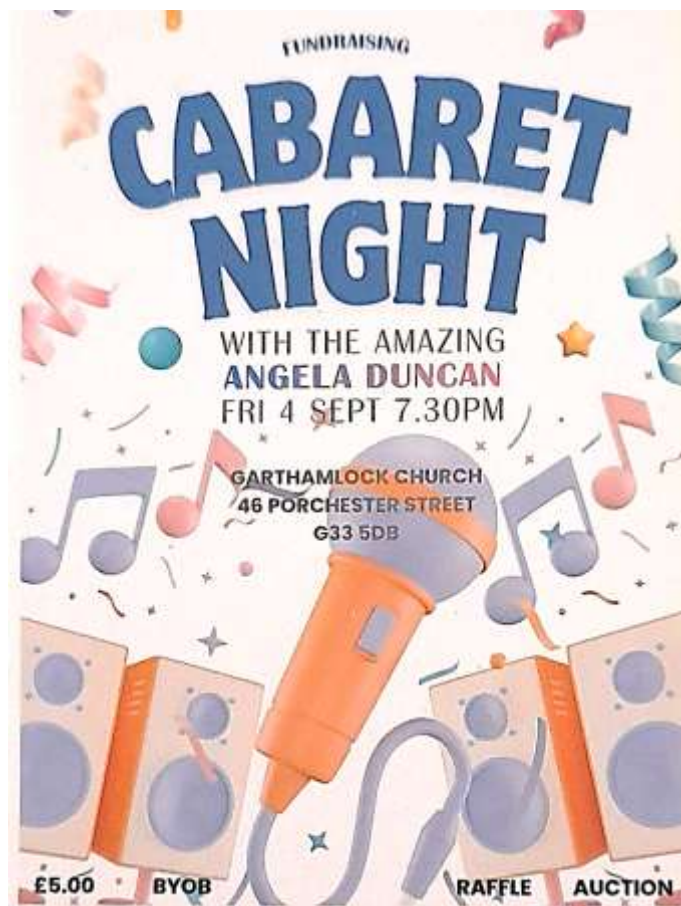
Lodging House Mission

The Lodging House Mission is in need of diluting juice. If you can donate any bottles for the LHM these can be placed in the clear plastic boxes at the back of the church.



Cabaret Night at Garthamlock Church

Tickets are in great demand for this fantastic Cabaret Night being held in September but if you still require a ticket please speak to Linda Swan or Ellie Henderson.



Door Duty



	Welcome at Door	Welcome at Door	Beadle
July 5 th	H Baker	J Burns	S Baker
July 12 th	J Thomson	J Hope	J Burns
July 19 th	R McGovern	F Shields	J Thomson
July 26 th	S Gowans	J Thomson	L Ashmole
Aug 2 nd	M Inglis	F McGovern	S Baker
Aug 9 th	E Watson	J Thomson	J Burns
Aug 16 th	H Baker	R McGovern	C Skinner
Aug 23 rd	J Hope	F Shields	J Thomson
Aug 30 th	S Baker	J Bennie	L Ashmole
Sept 6 th	C Skinner	J Thomson	S Baker

If you unable to do door duty/beadle please arrange a swap.

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

Tea Rota

July 5 th	JBennie	C Skinner
July 12 th	E Hyndman	E Henderson
July 19 th	F Maxwell	S Gowans
July 26 th	C Logan	H Baker
Aug 2 nd	L Robertson	C Skinner
Aug 9 th	E Hyndman	J Bennie
Aug 16 th	S Gowans	L Robertson
Aug 23 rd	E Henderson	C Logan
Aug 30 th	E Watson	F Maxwell
Sept 6 th	H Baker	S Gowans



First person on tea rota please bring milk.

June Thomson

