



NEWTON MEARNS PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

CROSSTALK



**JUNE
2026**



Newton Mearns Parish Church
"Church at the Cross"

One of the things I look back on with great affection was the six years I spent living and working on the island of Iona, a place some of you may have visited, as a great many people continue to do. Of course it has great significance in the history of our faith, having been the base for the missionary outreach of Saint Columba and the generations of monks who followed his inspired initiative.

And still today, a vibrant island community makes room for the hospitality offered at the Abbey by the Iona Community. One of the joys of those years for me was welcoming, week after week, people who came to stay for a time of life together in community, sharing the things of daily life, exploring the island and reflecting on aspects of faith including the need for peace and justice in our world.

It was both humbling and affirming to see how much people hungered after a way to make their faith a central part of their lives and looked for pathways to commitment in the practical outworking of that where they lived. So often people would leave to return home at the end of a week on Iona recharged and with a sense of renewed purpose.

One of the places I have got to know during my time in Newton Mearns is the Avenue shopping centre, which I walk through to and from my parked car every time I make my way to the church building. It is, of course, a busy place as people do their shopping, but it's also a place where people meet up and spend time together, round tables in one or other of the cafes that are very often full.

Sometimes, knowing how much belonging in the church means to you who are the congregation, I wonder what it would be like if that same hunger was awoken in the throng of people just a stone's throw from the church building.

As plans for the renewal of the building continue to progress, that's something to think about. How to throw open the doors in welcome, and how to evidence in that welcome the love that inspires God's people.

I am unlikely to share that with you in the longer term, but you will be in my prayers, you can be sure of that.

Ian Galloway, Locum Minister



Sunday 14 th June	10.30am	Morning Worship with Rev Ian Galloway followed by Annual Stated Meeting
	2.30pm	Service at Newton House Care Home
Sunday 21 st June	10.30am	Morning Worship
Sunday 28 th June	10.30am	Morning Worship
All Sundays through July and August	10.30am	Morning Worship
Sunday 6 th September	10.30am	Morning Worship
Wednesdays and continuing through July and August	10.30am	20's Plenty short midweek worship, meeting weekly in the Boyd Scott Room, one of our upstairs halls.

Sunday Morning Worship is live streamed on the church Facebook page.

This month at NMPC

Saturday 20th June

Mearns Participatory Budget vote, 11am - 1pm, The Edge at Fairweather Hall, Barrhead Road Newton Mearns.

The 79th Glasgow BB Company has made it to the final round of the Mearns Participatory Funding process and would appreciate your vote to help secure this. If successful, the Company could secure £1500 to help keep costs low for boys and families and make their activities more accessible and inclusive for everyone.

Anyone connected to Newton Mearns Parish Church is eligible to vote. You get 5 votes so you can support other local projects too.

Thank you for your support from all at the 79th.

Wednesday 24th June

Wise Words book group, 2pm, meeting in the Vestry when the title is 'The Widows' by Anna Smith

Thursday 25th June

Mearns Mile walking group, 10.30am. Meet at the Mackinlay entrance.

You will be aware that **Mearns Kirk Helping Hands** run several groups throughout the week. Information on all their groups is available on their website www.mkhelpinghands.org.uk

Looking ahead at NMPC

Wednesday 29th July

Wise Words book group meeting in the Vestry, 2pm, when the title is 'Theo of Golden' by Allen Levi.

Thursday 17th September

Proposed Golf Outing, joint with Mearns Kirk to Loudon Gowf Club, Galston. KA4 8PA. This is not a spelling mistake. Loudon is the only gowf club in the world. Provisional details would be to meet at 12pm for golf at 1pm. The cost of the afternoon would be £45 for golf followed by £25 for high tea. Please contact Hamish Brodie to register your interest. Further details will come via the weekly What's On.

Sunday 20th September

Music in the Mearns, 3pm when we welcome Solas Ensemble, celebrated for their luminous a capella sound and refined ensemble singing. Tickets £10, cash only, include refreshments following the concert.

Looking further afield

Sat 20th June 3pm & Sun 21st June 4pm

Praise Gathering 2026, Glasgow Royal Concert Hall. The 450 voice Praise Gathering Choir, Youth Choir and Band with special guests Celtic Worship and Searchlight Theatre Company. Tickets from £20 from www.praisegathering.org.uk or Glasgow Royal Concert Hall booking office on 0141 353 8000.

Tuesdays and Thursdays

The Cosy Café. 2 - 4pm. Our friends at Newton House continue to extend a welcome to pop in for coffee, cake and conversation.

Newton House, North Greenlaw Way, Newton Mearns G77 6QZ

Sunday 26th July

Celebration of the Games. Glasgow Churches Together are planning a service in St Andrew's Cathedral to celebrate the Commonwealth Games. There are no further details at the moment so again updates will come via What's On.



Flower Delivery

7th June Lyn Knox
14th June Hilda Reynolds
21st June Fiona Gilchrist
28th June Sandra Dey

Flower Donations

7th June Ann White
14th June Elspeth Simpson



Tea and Coffee Rota

14th June Mary Hotchkiss and Yvonne Dunlop
21st June Margaret Bell and Ann Barnett
28th June Eileen Wyper and Carol Love

Tea and coffee will continue over the summer

Love the Words

Love is as good as anything.

Love is a book you can't put down,

Love is a welcoming home,

Love is like a medicine

healing you when you're broken.

Love is like a warm hug,

Love is like a warm couch,

Love is as heartwarming as a twinkling fire,

Love is like a cosy home.

Love is as warm as a fire

as soft as silk,

Love is like a big warm cwutch,

Love is like a tingling sensation.

Love is the most important part of life.

Love is what you leave behind you when you go

and what you bring with you when you arrive,

Love is grounding, centring, stabilising,

it's the foundation of everything,

Love is the anchor.



7th Mearns Guides, and Mearns District Rangers

As another Guide and Ranger year draws to a close we have been making the most of the nice weather. The Guides went down to the park to take part in some outdoor activities such as games of capture the flag and rounders. The Guides have had a go at making their own butter - who knew you could make butter by shaking cream in a bottle! Of course, they had to use the butter to make a nice treat! The 28th of May was our last evening of the year and we presented the Guides and Rangers with the badges they have earned and presented awards for special achievement. Thank you to everyone at NMPC for your continued support, we hope you have a lovely summer.



Coffee Mornings

Our final coffee morning of this session was on Saturday 6th June where we raised £500.17 for Children’s Hospices Across Scotland. We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the success of the coffee mornings this year. We would also like to thank our caretakers for all the help they give us with the coffee mornings. We have raised £3092.25 for the charities. Plus the Guild ,Guides and Rangers and BB all raised funds at their coffee mornings either for their charities or activities. We hope you all have a good summer and we will be back in September.



Susan and Belinda



The Trussell Trust, East Renfrewshire Foodbank

During the 2 hours Barrhead food bank is open every Tuesday and Friday they support an average of 30 customers each day.

You may have noticed that the previous ‘Santander’ unit in the ‘Avenue’ is being utilized by Citizen’s advice. In conjunction (on a trial basis), there is also a donation point for ER foodbank. If you find it easier, leave any donation there rather than bringing it to Church.

Foods/items regularly requested by customers but often in short supply are... cooking oil, flour, tins of meat, tins of food easily heated for a meal, i.e. chicken in a sauce etc. and any cleaning materials plus washing up liquids.

Foods that are not required at present...Pasta, pasta sauces & tins of tuna.

Thank you for your continued support.

Helen Colvin



Move it or Lose it with Annette

Exercise class for seniors

At Move it or Lose it we believe that age is just a number, and that staying active should be fun, friendly and accessible to everyone. My class is designed round a FABS programme, which focuses on improving your Flexability, Aerobic, Balance and Strength. All exercises I do can be done seated or standing depending on your ability and there is no floor work involved. It's great for your mental well-being and reduces loneliness, and it is a lot of fun. Keep your body in good condition, helping you to live your life to the fullest.

The class on a Wednesday at 10.30am is currently full so I am starting another class in the same venue at an earlier time of 9.10am.

Please contact Annette on 07425156827 for more info. Or email annette.urquhart@moveitorloseit.co.uk



Livewire Theatre Co

Discover the magic of theatre at Livewire Theatre Co for children aged 4-16 yrs. Livewire inspires young performers through drama, singing, and dance, offering a fun and supportive environment where creativity and confidence flourish. At our Newton Mearns branch on Mondays, we offer tailored sessions for every age group:

- 4:15pm-5:15pm: 4-8 years Drama & Musical Theatre
- 5:15pm-6:15pm: Popstar Academy (4-10 years)
- 6:15pm-7:15pm: 9-12 years Drama & Musical Theatre

Our holiday camps are a huge hit, catering to all skill levels, from beginners to seasoned performers, everyone is welcome! Help your child build confidence, develop new skills, and shine in a fun, supportive, and creative environment.

Upcoming camps Summer School – *Broadway in a Beat*: Mon 27th – Fri 31st July 2026, 9am-3pm.

For more details and to book, visit: www.livewiretheatreco.com



Rosi Art Classes

Art classes 5yrs to 18yrs with the artist Rosi Nyamakanga.

These weekly art classes help develop each individual student's creativity, confidence and skills through exploring drawing, painting, colour, 3Dform, collage and printmaking in a fun welcoming environment. Experimenting with art materials allows students to improve fine motor skills and problem solving as well as exploring their own individual ideas and creativity. The students will learn techniques and build an artistic process through projects which last over a few weeks. They will be introduced to a wide variety of artists to be inspired by.

All artists materials are provided. Please email Rosi at rosiartclasses@gmail.com for info and to book.



Jo Jingles

Jo Jingles class is on Wednesdays 11:20 at Newton Mearns Parish church. Our lively and engaging classes offer a fun introduction to music, movement, instruments, and props, providing a fun sensory experience for babies and young children up to preschool age.

Book now via our website

<https://booking.jojingles.com/discover/territory/glasgow-south/>



French classes for children

We're almost at the end of our year of French teaching in Newton Mearns Parish Church and it has been another very successful year of language learning for the children.

Well done to our pupils who will have completed their French programme in June and will move up to the next programme after the summer break.

We are looking forward to a new year of fun language learning starting in August! La Jolie Ronde French classes for Children (5-14 years), Saturday afternoon term time. Free taster sessions available.

More information at www.learnfrenchglasgow.co.uk

or contact Julie (julie@learnfrenchglasgow.co.uk, 07762428875)

JUNE WHAT'S ON

Please note class times may be different over the summer

MONDAY	9.30am	LA Physiotherapy Pilates	info@laphysiotherapy.co.uk 0141 258 2424
	10.00am	Mathain Beaga: Pàrant is Pàiste Siorrachd Rinn Friù an Ear – Gaelic Toddler Group	kirsteen@cnaq.org
	10.00am	Dance of Life	Dance-rs@hotmail.com 07815 616 999
	11.00am	ERu3a Keep Moving	groups@eru3a.org
	4.15pm	Livewire Theatre Company	info@livewiretheatreco.com
	6.00pm	1 st Mearns Rainbows	mearnsrainbows1st@hotmail.com 07779645877
	6.30pm	Mudra School of Bharatanatyam,	megalaitm@gmail.com 07462 082 396
	6.00pm	Traditional Taekwondo Assoc.	07709 721097 willpiers@aol.com
	7.15pm	7 th Mearns Brownies	mearnsrainbows1st@hotmail.com 07779645877
TUESDAY	9.30am	Julie Gray Pilates	Physio.fit.julie@gmail.com 07775841588
	10.00am	LA Physiotherapy Pilates	See above
	2.00pm	ERu3a Science & Technology 3rd Tuesday each month	groups2@eru3a.org
	4.00pm	Mearns Gymnastics Club	mearns-gymnastics@hotmail.com 07736928043
	4.45pm	Amy's Amigos (starts 28 th April)	Amy.bruce24@hotmail.co.uk 07712 562754
	5.00pm	The Performance Academy 5.00pm Mini performers age 2.5-6 6.00pm Junior performers age 7-12 7.00pm Senior performers 13-18	lisa@theperformanceacademy.co.uk 07813 518016
	6.15pm	Jhankar Beats Dance Class	info@jhankarbeats.org.uk 07518801946
	7.15pm	Badminton	dmair1982@hotmail.com 07743 861561
	WEDNESDAY	10.30am	Move It Or Lose It urqueannet@aol.com 07425156827
	11.15am	Jo Jingles jojinglesglasgowsouth@gmail.com 07539022576	
	12.30pm	Singing For The Brain	vlaird@trfs.org.uk 07730644503
	2.00pm	Wise Words <i>book group last Wed of the month</i> office@thechurchatthecross.org.uk 0141 639 7373	
	2.00pm	ERu3a Scottish Country Dancing – 2 nd & 4 th week of the month	groups@eru3a.org
	4.00pm	Rosi Art Classes 8-10yrs	rosiartclasses@gmail.com
	4.45pm	McLaughlin School of Irish Dancing	sinead_79@hotmail.com 07779 913815
	5.45pm	United Karate Association U.K.A.	unitedkarateglasgow@gmail.com 07597 210 237
	6.00pm	LA Physiotherapy Pilates	See Monday

WED CONT	5.45pm Traditional Taekwondo Assoc.	07709 72109 willpiers@aol.com
	7.15pm Sanaa Akhtar Pilates	sonouk@live.co.uk 07780718460
THURSDAY	9.15am Yoga with Hilary	hilary.yogaforyou@gmail.com 07824873405
	9.30am Julie Gray Pilates	Physio.fit.julie@gmail.com 07775841588
	11.00am Tai Chi	leehuatan@hotmail.com 07783 35893
	11.00am ERu3a Yoga	groups@eru3a.org
	4.00pm Rosi Art Classes 11-16yrs	rosiartclasses@gmail.com
	6.00pm 2 nd Mearns Brownies	mearnsbrownies2nd@outlook.com 07807671064.
	6.00pm Jane's Pilates	pilatesayrshire@gmail.com 07305270539
	7.00pm Southside Stompers Line Dancing	07957779417
	7.30pm 7 th Mearns Guides and Mearns District Rangers	7th mearnsguides@gmail.com 07814 322632
FRIDAY	7.30pm Yoga with Lizzie – Menopause Yoga	yogawithlizzie@outlook.com 07713839011
	9.30am Carried Away Play	info@carriedawayplay.co.uk
	9.45am Tumble Tots Glasgow 9:45-10:30am -- 6months to confidently walking 10:45-11:30am – walking to 2 years 11:45-12:30pm – 2 – 3 years	glasgow@tumbletots.com 07724 298982
	9.45am Lesley Smith Art Class	Lesley.e.smith@sky.com 07740676558
	4.00pm Rosi Art Classes 8-10yrs	rosiartclasses@gmail.com
	6.00pm 79 th Glasgow Company Boys' Brigade 6.00pm Anchor Boys 6.30pm Junior Section 7.30pm Company Section Bible Class 7.45pm Company Section	bodaduk@googlemail.com 07973502095
SAT	9.00am Rosi Art Classes 9am 11am & 1.30pm	rosiartclasses@gmail.com
	9.30am Soccer Stars	glasgow@soccerstarsacademy.co.uk 07792 561383
	10.00am NMPC Coffee Mornings -1 st Saturday each month	assistant@churchatthecross.org.uk
	10.00am Margaret Gilbride School of Dance 10.00am Preschool 11.00am Preschool 12.00 Primary Foundation (Ballet, Tap, Jazz) age 4-6 1.00pm Primary (Ballet, Tap, Jazz) age 6-8	07837 170657
	12.00pm Mini Medics (First Aid for Kids')	ashleymonaghan@hotmail.com 07985942161
	12.50pm La Jolie Ronde French for children 12.50pm 1.35pm 4-6 Yrs 1.45pm – 2.30pm 5-7 Yrs 2.30pm – 3.15pm 6-8 Yrs 3.15pm– 4.00pm 7-11yrs 4.00pm – 4.45pm 8yrs+(Year 1) 4.45pm- 5.30pm 8yrs+(Year 2)	julie@learnfrenchglasgow.co.uk <u>07762 428875</u>
	3.00pm Sound bath monthly	info@glasgowsoundbath.com



In the event of any pastoral need please contact
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