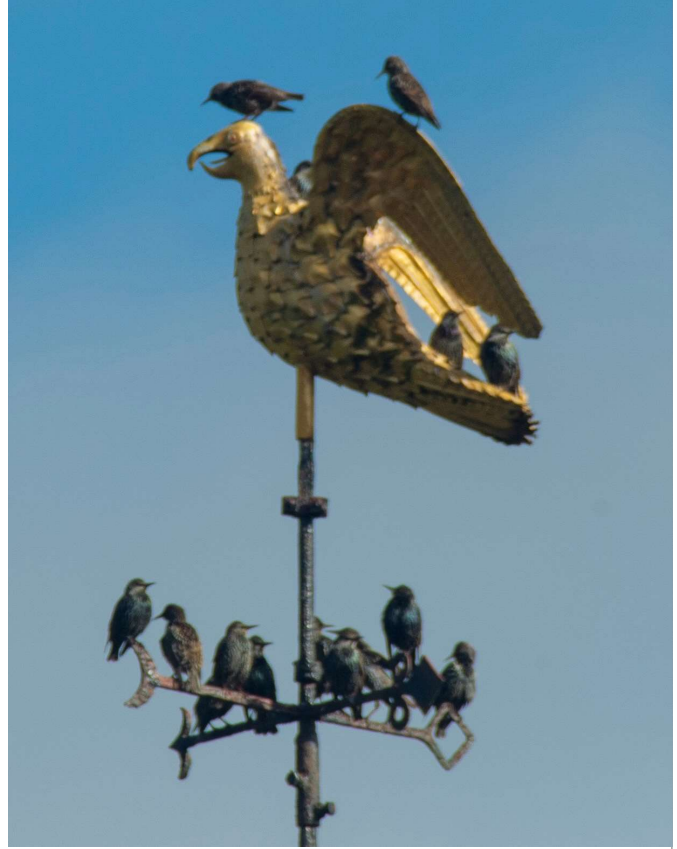


Parish News

EAGLESHAM PARISH CHURCH



“The Chinese symbol for crisis has two strokes - one danger and the other opportunity”. The Moderator of the General Assembly commenting on the challenges of our current situation. Covid, Climate and vacancy. Locally and more widely this is a time when there are difficulties but also new ideas, new ways of doing things and new beginnings. Some of this is reflected in this Parish News edition.

Church vacancy and preaching by sole nominee. Information about this is circulated along with Parish News and needs the attention of all church members. See also comments from our interim moderator (page 3) and Session Clerk (page 4)

Christian Aid Week was May 10 - 16. This is not a normal year! See page 8 for various ways of donating this year.

The last Parish News was published on-line only in January. It can still be read on the church website.

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From Our Interim Moderator

Dear friends

I write to you as Interim Moderator of Eaglesham Parish Church to advise that I have Good News to tell!

Since September 2019, I have been privileged to serve the Church in moderating the Kirk Session and seeking to enable the process of discerning a new minister for Eaglesham Parish. The Nominating Committee appointed earlier this year has worked diligently and effectively and has nominated Jade Ableitner to be the Sole Nominee who will preach with a view to becoming minister in the parish and congregation of Eaglesham. Jade is a Graduate Candidate and will preach in the Church at a Service on Sunday 20th June 2021 at 11am. Given the present restrictions, there will be a limit on the number of Church members and adherents who can attend the Service in person. However, the Service will also be recorded and the recording posted on the Church website:

www.eagleshamparishchurch.co.uk

Having attended the Service in person, or having viewed the recording of the Service, members and adherents will then be invited to vote on whether or not Jade Ableitner should receive a Call to become the minister of Eaglesham Parish.

Details of the voting process are enclosed separately. I would invite you to participate in the Election of your new minister by attending or viewing the Service and, thereafter, by prayerfully voting.

In electing and calling a minister, you are inviting the person whom you believe God has called to lead the Church in Eaglesham in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ within your community. I invite you to join with fellow members and adherents in supporting the ongoing life, witness and worship of Eaglesham Church.

Yours faithfully,

Rev Dr John L McPake, Interim Moderator

Our organ has returned from its sojourn in Liverpool and is making a joyful noise with Alan at the keys

A Favourite Bible Passage

Instead of choosing a favourite Bible passage I hope our Editor will allow me instead to choose the words of a favourite hymn.

Many years ago our then Minister, Douglas Lindsay, very generously twice invited my father-in-law the Rev. Alex Innes to come through from his church in Portobello in Edinburgh to preach in Eaglesham.

The theme of Pat's dad's sermon on that first Sunday was man must have a vision and I remember his words to this day. We all must have a vision, a purpose, and the words of the much loved hymn, Be Thou my Vision, have always resonated with me. I love that old hymn and its haunting old Irish lilting melody. John Lloyd preached on a recent Sunday on the Old Testament story of Nehemiah. Nehemiah had a dual vision: to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem and to restore the faith of the people of Israel and he accomplished what seemed an impossible self-assumed burden of responsibility by seeking and receiving God's help.

Jerusalem is not just a physical structure but it represents a vision of a spiritual ideal, an eventual spiritual home. It has deep-rooted significance for Jews, Muslims and Christians, the three main Abrahamic faiths. My vision would be for Jerusalem's torrid history of division and inter-faith hatred to be transformed into the symbol of peace, reconciliation and harmony its status deserves.

With God's grace we pray that this will come to pass.

Craig Wishart



Session Notes

Although the weather is not as warm as last May and the Coronavirus figures have caused concern as they rollercoaster, we are fortunate that we are starting to be able to enjoy more freedom in seeing others and travelling further. I am especially pleased that we have been able to open our church buildings again and to share worship in person once more. Thankfully this means we now plan to be able to share communion on 6 June.

Our Nomination Committee have been very busy seeking and considering applications for our new minister. I am delighted that with God's guidance the committee have found a candidate that they are more than pleased to put forward to preach as Sole Nominee. Jade Ableitner will preach on 20 June with all members and adherents then invited to vote on Jade becoming our new minister. Full details on how to vote will be provided. Unfortunately we will still have restrictions on how many people can attend worship. However a dedicated team are working hard to ensure the service can be viewed online for those who cannot attend in person. There will also be the audio version on our dedicated telephone line. Details of how to access the service will be on our website. You can also speak to your elder or myself for any assistance. Bookings to attend the service in person will be taken through the email and telephone line as usual. Please pray for God's guidance for Jade and the congregation as we discern His path for us.

I would like to thank all those who have worked tirelessly in the background throughout the pandemic looking after our buildings, finances, worship and pastoral care and ensuring our church and its work continues even although we have not been able to meet in person.

We have been very blessed to have the support and teaching of John Lloyd throughout our vacancy and I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his dedicated and continuing presence with us. Please keep John in your prayers at this time too.

Sheila Lamont, Session Clerk

Reflections on the pandemic as a gp in Glasgow.

On December 31/12/19, China reported a cluster of cases of a new virus, of the coronavirus family, in the city of Wuhan, Hubei province. In January the WHO set up the incident management report team. I thought the impact might be similar to the 2009 Swine flu or Avian (bird) flu. How wrong I was and how little prepared I felt. Our practice in Glasgow changed very rapidly from a busy, urban practice into what was almost a deserted building with strict separation between clinical staff and admin staff, and the doors securely locked.

Almost daily, there was new information about covid 19 and how the primary care services had to adapt. The practice had daily morning meetings to discuss the latest information.

Telephone and video consultations became the norm. I felt huge frustration at the lack of testing available in primary care at the start of the pandemic. Dealing with uncertainty is always difficult but to advise someone to self isolate for 2 weeks without hard evidence that they had the virus seemed harsh. I felt shocked at how ill people could quickly become with covid, particularly around day 5-7 of the illness. With others I felt dismay at news from Italy showing film footage of many on ventilators. I also felt afraid when the new "Louisa Jordan" was created from the SSEC to deal with the extra numbers expected to require ventilation due to full hospitals.

I felt huge respect for colleagues who were willing to work in the CAC (covid assessment centres), and those who with great ability showed leadership skills in my own practice; and of course for the doctors, nurses and other hospital staff caring for patients with covid, and ambulance crews transporting sick patients.

As the pandemic has continued there has been an understandable increase in consultations regarding poor mental health, brought on by isolation, loss of employment, stress of home schooling, home working or the lack of usual support.

December 2020 and January 2021 brought hope and a feeling of optimism as the vaccine programme started to roll out and it would appear this is making a big difference.

Libby Murphy

Presbytery Planning

Presbytery Planning is a phrase designed to bring a shudder to folk throughout Presbyteries in Scotland but it is, sadly, a necessary tool to ensure a fair distribution of the stretched resources the Church has at its disposal. For some time, the Church's finances have been running at a deficit. In 2019 the General Assembly approved two measures designed to arrest the decline. One was to adopt the so-called Radical Action Plan designed to stimulate growth in congregations. The other was a restructuring of Church management - reducing the staffing levels in central offices and reducing the number of separate Presbyteries whilst devolving some powers to Presbyteries and allowing more autonomy to congregations through reduced payments to the Centre.

The second of these measures for change was well under way by the end of 2019 so that in 2020, the operating deficit was the lowest it had been for years; the restructuring of Presbyteries was well under way with various discussions proceeding towards the creation of new, enlarged more efficient bodies. Recurring costs had been reduced by 30% and the cost of office functions cut by £5.2million.

Work on implementing the Radical Action Plan had hardly got off the ground when Covid 19 struck. Churches were closed with an estimated average overall loss of 20% of their incomes during 2020. Despite that Ministry & Mission payments to the central Church remained high. But further losses can be anticipated for 2021. In recognition of this M & M payments for 2021 have been cut accepting an increased central deficit of £11.4 million.

On top of all this, there is a numbers crisis facing the Church. A fairly steady number of new candidates for the Ministry present themselves annually but that number will not match the large number of Ministers due to retire in the coming 5 - 10 years. In response, the new Faith Nurture Forum has brought a new Act forward for approval at this year's General Assembly. The Act calls for new Presbytery Plans to be created reflecting the reduced numbers of personnel that will be available and which can be afforded within a balanced budget; it will also reinforce a drive to reduce expenditure on (by reducing the number of) buildings.

It remains to be seen if the Act will pass unamended. I shall report further on the outcome of the Assembly in a future Parish News.

As things stand prior to the Assembly, the Church faces several key challenges:

- How to retain the goals of the Radical Action Plan post Covid with reduced funds.
- How to efficiently devolve responsibility to Presbyteries without increasing staffing costs.
- How to stimulate growth with reduced resources.
- How to communicate the need for new thinking on Ministry to congregations used to traditional forms.
- How to encourage congregations to work together where that would be of benefit.

As an already large Presbytery, Glasgow will not alter much though the Cumbernauld churches will become additional members from June.

The reduction in resources across Scotland will be significant with a suggested total of 660 posts available to be shared. Glasgow has been allocated 84 posts under the present proposals. To put that in context, the present Presbytery Plan has 140.7 posts. Currently Glasgow Presbytery has 128 congregations with over 150 posts. There are two types of post – Ministers of Word and Sacrament (traditional ministers) and Ministry Development Staff (skilled support such as Youth Workers). The latter work predominantly in Priority Areas. [Locally paid MDS posts such as Eaglesham's Youth Worker do not count as part of the Plan numbers]. Some MDS staff will still be needed in Priority Areas so there will be significantly less than 84 MWS staff [traditional ministers] to be shared amongst parishes.

And Glasgow is committed to supporting the creation of 100 new Church 'Plants' in Scotland as agreed by the 2019 Assembly. This covers a range of possible initiatives which would require new resourcing. A delicate balance will have to be struck.

How this will impact on Eaglesham is not known. Our mission to bring the Gospel to our area must remain undiminished. The sheer size of the reduction in posts available through the new Plan will mean that some change is more than likely. Perhaps what matters most is our reaction. Is it a disaster or a challenge? One thing is clear. We must work with Presbytery in its task and not pull up the drawbridge. There is much to build on here and much to be proud of. We must move forward in faith, believing that God remains by our side as we face the winds of change.

Stuart W MacGill, Presbytery Elder



Winter memories and spring-time images



The Guild

We are now halfway through May, and with longer, brighter days and the success of the vaccination programme, we have good reason to hope that things are beginning to get back to some kind of normality, albeit with masks and social distancing part of life for some time to come. Normally at this time of the year we would hold our Guest Afternoon Tea, when we invite members from other guilds in the area to join us for an afternoon of friendship, worship, entertainment and a sumptuous afternoon tea! Sadly with the current restrictions on numbers this is not possible at the present time but we are hoping that later in the summer, all being well, we will be able to hold an outdoor afternoon event. How wonderful it would be for us all to meet again in fellowship and enjoy a long-awaited "natter"!

The new Guild Strategy for the next 3 years is very appropriately entitled "Look Forward in Faith" and we share with you some thoughts from Ian Whyte, CofS Guild secretary.

On these days of blue skies and threatening clouds, cold winds in open spaces, and warmth in sheltered spots we see plants changing from winters sleep into vibrant spring growth. Each bringing its own colour and texture, working in harmony to create something wonderful and greater than its parts. From the smallest element to the largest, the oldest to the newest, the most fragile to the unbreakable, they all play their part.

As the Guild, as the Church indeed, we come together as members and as a national movement to create a force for good that touches lives here and across the world, whose influence as a whole far outreaches the impact we can have separately.

As we look ahead to another 3 year cycle, 'Look Forward in Faith', let's value every person in the Guild, every group and the whole fellowship.

We know well the idea of being part of the body of Christ and of how the different parts make up the whole, each part complementing the others. Together, we can build on the solid and familiar ground of the past to nurture future new growth.

Spring is a time of hope and planning. As the seasons keep on turning, let's see the value of the dark clouds as much as the bright sun... of the inheritance of the past and promise of the future.

In the next three years, I suspect we will sing one hymn more than any other, and as we emerge from our recent dark times it carries as much meaning as it ever will:

*Look forward in faith, all time is in God's hand.
Walk humbly with Him and trust His future plan.
God has wisely blessed His people by His power.
Look forward in faith, He gives us each new hour.*

We like Ian look forward in faith and pray that we will meet sometime during the summer months to enjoy that 'natter'.

With best wishes to everyone from the Guild Committee.

Pastoral Care

This update is reminiscent of the last Parish news when we were optimistic that we that we would gradually reach some sort of new normal for Pastoral Care. Sadly, this has not been possible and until the middle of May visits have not been allowed - not even to deliver a Parish News! We have all missed the contact with others and look forward to catching up with everyone.

Since restricted worship resumed there have been fresh flowers in the Church and these have been distributed to those in need of comfort. This can be a bereavement, illness, a poignant anniversary or even the celebration of a new grandchild or a significant birthday. It was possible for the delivery team to get these to the doorstep and we have had little need of the florist. We have had lots of appreciation from those who have received flowers saying that they do make a difference.

Members of the Pastoral Care team have helped in the collection and transportation of items for the Foodbank. The donations are taken to a hub at Castlemilk where they are distributed to families in need of assistance. Some items are retained to stock a small larder which provides help for those in need locally. For further information, see the separate article on food banks

We are hopeful that we will be able to get out and about more after mid-May with visits and care. Walking group and Kirk Carers should resume in the new normal The team are very much here to help and we would encourage people to get in touch if they need even just a chat on the telephone.

Our next update should hopefully be more positive as things get back to normal

Should you need help please contact Scott Whiteford or Kay Brown



Healing & Justice since 1874

a message from Simon Keenan.....

I am a parishioner of St Bridget's Church and have supported the above Mission for many years now as Director on the Board of Trustees. I am writing as a member of the Board.

TLMS is a Christian organisation established in Scotland almost one hundred and fifty years ago. It is the oldest, largest, and only Christian charity in Scotland focussing exclusively on dealing with Leprosy and its effects. Since its inauguration it has grown into a worldwide Mission seeking to mobilise people across the world in the fight against Leprosy. While it is now part of a global mission, TLMS is an autonomous, independent Scottish Charity. A small team of four permanent and two 2 part time staff work from the base in Stirling. Hundreds of volunteers across Scotland, many organised into area committees, support the Mission. A small board of directors act as trustees providing oversight, management control and support to the CEO and her team.

Being part of this endeavour has been a great joy and challenge and one of my most humbling experiences. It is a source of great encouragement to see how dedicated, selfless and hardworking Christians of all denominations and stations in life have come together to offer hope and support to our suffering brothers and sisters across the world who continue to be afflicted by this ancient but now curable disease. Significant misunderstanding and lack of awareness still exists. We believe that highlighting will assist in achieving our challenging goals.

The pandemic has hampered the work of the Mission worldwide and it is tragic that the most vulnerable are enduring even more harrowing conditions. Rather than pull back from our aspirational goals we still believe that with better engagement and support we can be successful. We believe that our unified Christian identity within a Scottish context provides a major foundation and opportunity upon which to build and achieve our objectives - **zero transmission of leprosy by 2035; zero disability caused by leprosy; zero discrimination due to leprosy**

Simon would like to know whether there are folk in Eaglesham and Waterfoot who would join him in establishing a local support group for TLMS. If you can offer support or would like more information please contact him...

Simon Keenan, 29 Polnoon St, Eaglesham G76 0BG

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"Everyone is equal in the sight of God. For over 75 years, this truth has inspired us to stand together in solidarity with our most marginalised global neighbours, of all faiths and none.

Poverty is an outrage against humanity. It robs people of their dignity and lets injustice thrive.

We seek to eradicate extreme poverty by tackling its root causes. Together with people living in poverty, we amplify our voices to speak truth to power and create lasting change."

Christian Aid Week this year was during May 10 - 16. A normal opportunity to donate via door to door collection or at church was not possible. This opportunity is also further delayed by the timing of Parish News! However there are a number of ways in which contributions to this year's appeal can be made.

- the Christian Aid envelope can be returned to the Carswell on Tuesdays or Thursdays between 11am and noon when it is open for foodbank donations; or to 74 Montgomery St, G76 0AU.
- a Just Giving site specific to Eaglesham and Waterfoot has been set up - go to [justgiving.com/fundraising/OR92405](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/OR92405)
- donations can be to Christian Aid at 41 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh EH1 1EL

Climate and COP

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it...Genesis 2.15

The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it...Psalm 24.1

From Tearfund on why the church cannot ignore the climate crisis.....

"The climate crisis is wreaking havoc in our world, putting millions of lives at risk. It's intensifying global threats such as extreme weather events, sea-level rise and melting glaciers. The overwhelming scientific consensus is that this is a human-made problem, driven by the burning of fossil fuels, releasing heat-trapping gases such as carbon dioxide.

We are seeing the outworking of a global system built on greed and overconsumption – one that is fundamentally at odds with God's original intention for the world. We're reaping what we've sown.

Climate change is a justice issue. In my work with Tearfund I see all too clearly the impact of climate breakdown on people in poverty as it affects their health, access to food and their security. As global temperatures rise, rains are becoming less reliable and droughts, floods and storms are becoming more frequent and extreme.

Being made in the image of God defines our relationship with the whole of creation. We are God's representatives, created to serve and look after the rest of what he has made.

As Christians and churches we have a crucial role in calling for, and working towards, a world that allows everyone to flourish – one that enables us to live in harmony with the rest of creation. To turn this into reality, and to prevent further harm to our global neighbours, we must urgently tackle the climate crisis together."

and from a youth Tearfund activist....nine out of ten Christian teenagers are concerned about climate change but only one in ten believe their church is doing enough to respond to the crisis.

COP26 takes place from Nov 1st to 12th. There is obvious uncertainty over how much of the discussion will remain on-line but the focus will be on Glasgow. Eco-congregation Scotland is co-ordinating the Churches' response to and involvement in the event. This includes co-ordination of events, encouraging local networks of concern, worship materials, suggestions for lifestyle change. There is an opportunity for individuals to offer accommodation to folk from abroad visiting Scotland for the conference. Lots of information on the eco-congregation Scotland website.

Eastwood Ecumenical Peace and Justice forum is organising a local 'climate' event for September 22nd. Detail of this will be circulated.

Minister and Moderator



Ron Ferguson, columnist, clergyman, author and wit wrote his last column for Life and Work in January. In it he described the Moderator-designate of the Church of Scotland as 'the real deal'. The Rt Hon Baron Wallace of Tankerness may be better known as Jim Wallace, Liberal Democrat politician and ex-Minister in the Scottish Parliament. He is the second Elder to become Moderator in recent times and perhaps the first ex MP. He had a fascination for politics from an early age. 'At the 1966 general election when I was only 11 I remember hanging around the school gates to get candidates' autographs. From 1983 he was MP and then MSP for Orkney and Shetland. He is now active in the House of Lords. His Christian and Church commitment is of equal duration - an Elder in Edinburgh in 1981 and associated with St Magnus Cathedral since moving to Orkney two years later. His year as Moderator will be shaped in part by Covid and its aftermath but with his political background he hopes to focus on issues of justice - economic, social and environmental.

News from St Bridget's



The month of May is a special time in the Catholic Church's calendar. We reflect on the role of Mary in the formation of Jesus and as a role model for us as Christians.

May is also a sacramental month and this year we saw our Primary 4 aged children make their First Holy Communion in the parish on Saturday 12th, with our P7s making their Confirmations on the 22nd down at our sister church of St Joseph's in Clarkston. Congratulations and Blessings on them and their families. Of course these celebrations were very different again this year. No big family groups or congregations but Father Stephen has reflected that perhaps this has made these occasions even more special and poignant. Precious memories!

We continue to celebrate Mass twice on Saturday evenings at 5pm and 5.45pm with up to 50 being allowed to attend via online booking at each. Our church has attracted both well known faces and new ones too. Our village setting provides such a place of wonderful solace in a welcoming community. We wish all our friends at Eaglesham Parish the very best as we hopefully emerge anew from these 'interesting' times.

Danny McKendry, Chairman,
St Bridget's Parish Pastoral Council
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Walking Group

There were smiles and "Great to see you," as we met again on 24th March.

We had made the decision, after we read that fifteen were permitted to meet outdoors for exercise. As we are following guidelines re social distancing, we're not travelling in cars, but enjoying our lovely village and its surroundings. If more than fifteen arrive, we split into two groups as we did, when twenty-two met for a figure of eight walk. One group set off up the Gassy Brae, while the other went off down past Strang of the Mains Farm. Please join us if you like walking and chatting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month in Mid Road at 10am.

Pat Wishart

Young Scot of the Year



The Young Scot Awards are an annual award ceremony hosted by Young Scot and Sunday Mail to honour young people in Scotland for considerable achievements and positive contributions to charity or their community. Freya Young of Bonnyton Drive is Young Scot of the year 2021 for work in her local community. Freya created the street library outside the Montgomery Hall with more than 1000 donated books, DVDs, CDs board games and jigsaws. She has made individual deliveries to folk who have been shielding.

She then created the Eaglesham foodbank which is available every Saturday outside the Carswell Hall and has secured funding to allow this to continue over the next year.

Church Accounts, 2020

A summary of our income and expenditure is printed below - if anyone would like a full copy of the OSCR accounts, please contact the Church Office.

Our income is down slightly due to the current circumstances but has benefited from the continued support of our members and organisations, the rental of the Manse and a Government grant for £10000.

Our expenditure is down mainly due to receipt of furlough payments for staff and a reduction in our heating and lighting costs as our buildings were not being used.

Our surplus of approximately £20000 is the first time for several years that we have ended the year with a surplus. The Kirk Session has agreed that £3000 of this will go to the Steeple Fund, £3000 to Fabric to assist with Manse redecoration and £1000 to our Charity Fund for Others with the remainder transferred to our reserve fund.

Looking to 2021, we have budgeted for a small surplus taking into account various assumptions on the length of the vacancy, the continuance of furlough payments etc but this could change depending on the unknowns associated with the pandemic.

Maureen Hunter, Admin Convener

INCOME	2020 £	2019 £
Offerings		
Congregational Offerings	104,736	107,317
Tax on Gift Aid donations	21,884	23,243
Other income	4,432	5,289
Grants	10,800	-
Contributions from congregational organisations	1,950	2,880
Income from:		
Weddings and funerals	100	300
Use of premises	<u>15,388</u>	<u>16,461</u>
Total Ordinary General Income	159,290	155,490

Health and Safety Update

Thankfully, we are now able to look ahead to a return to a more 'normal' life in our church. The Church of Scotland, in conjunction with the Scottish Government, has been very helpful in supplying regular advice on Health and Safety matters, which we have been implementing as appropriate. In relation to worship in the church, although we are still required to have face coverings, hand sanitisers and physical distancing (and alas no congregational singing as yet), numbers allowed at worship have been increased, and we can now open the gallery as well. We still operate a booking system, but we now have about double the number of spaces for worshippers - so don't be shy!

A recent update from the Church of Scotland (14th May) looks like it may be opening the door to some small group singing at worship - awaiting further guidance.

We have Presbytery approval to re-open both the Laird and the Carswell, and a number of organisations are planning to start using the Halls again in the near future. If you would like to discuss the use of one of our halls, please contact Ann Robertson.

Wendy Armstrong, Health and Safety Admin,
May 2021

EXPENDITURE	2020 £	2019 £
Ministry and mission allocation	74,666	84,414
Presbytery dues	4,644	4,739
Minister's travelling expenses	815	1,310
Pulpit supply	345	206
Other salaries and national insurance	9,947	17,940
Fabric repairs and maintenance	20,722	22,799
Heating and Lighting	5,021	11,839
Water charges	-	406
Insurance	5,310	5,814
Manse Council Tax	-	1,264
Cleaning materials and laundry	573	810
Office costs	2,270	2,661
General expenses	1,637	1,555
Pastoral care	100	112
Outreach	534	1,848
Music & Worship	-	410
Youth	329	338
Faith Development	-	-
Tear fund	1,200	1,200
Vacancy costs	10,680	3,513
Total ordinary general expenditure	<u>138,793</u>	<u>163,178</u>
Surplus (deficit)	20,497	(7688)

Eaglesham Food Bank Collection!



Where do donations go?

The donations go to Castlemilk Foodbank and Eaglesham & Waterfoot Community Larder.



Even the smallest donations put food on the tables of the less fortunate. With more people using the Foodbanks and Larder the need for the donations and support is significant.

As part of My Queens Badge and Gold Duke of Edinburgh award I am assisting with the mobile collection and the packing of the various foods. I have also visited the Castlemilk food bank and seen first-hand the difference these donations make to the community.



The 205th Eaglesham Boys Brigade offer community collections on the second Sunday of every month.



Locations For Donations

The second Sunday of each month we meet at the following locations:
2.00PM Craighlaw / Woodside Junction @ Waterfoot
2.30.PM Barlae / Riverside rd Junction
3.00 PM Gilmour Cres / Holehouse Rd Junction Eaglesham
3.30. Till 4pm @ Carswell Centre



Eaglesham and Waterfoot larder is located at the Carswell centre every Saturday from 10:30am until 8:30pm.

Contact Eaglesham & Waterfoot community larder for more information.

193 words



This poster was created by BB member Craig Wallace. The Carswell is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11am to noon for donations - and for socialising! In addition to local collections Whitecraigs Golf Club has been very helpful. The Castlemilk food bank team say the link with Eaglesham is central to their being able to support around 90 families on a regular basis.

The Castlemilk Pantry will soon be set up. Users will contribute a small amount towards a standard "shop" of greater value. Through this the church hope to engage more with those who use the facility and identify other areas of their lives where support could be provided.