

Shettleston New Church of Scotland

Messenger

September 2026



SEPTEMBER 2026

Dear Friends

It has been a sad couple of weeks for Shettleston New as we have seen the passing of two of our much loved senior members, Doreen Macleod and Jean Kelly. The pair were good pals, and whilst they had very different personalities, they both shared a huge love for their families and a great commitment to their faith and to their friends.

Doreen had been involved at Eastbank and then Shettleston New for almost all of her 91 years, and her warmth, outgoing personality, and heart for making a difference have impacted so many people across the decades. By comparison, Jean was a relative newcomer, having joined Shettleston New a mere ten years ago (!), but, with her gentle nature and attentive listening, she quickly formed good friendships with many folk in the congregation. Both ladies were keen supporters of the Wednesday Lunches, the New Place and the Guild and their absence from these groups will be keenly felt in the months ahead.

But amidst our sadness that Doreen and Jean are no longer physically with us, let's hold onto Paul's words to the Thessalonians:

And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 (NLT)

This is our great hope as followers of Jesus – that one day we will be reunited with all who have gone before us in faith. Depending on our Lord's timing, we may ascend to join our loved ones in Jesus' presence, or they may return with Jesus as He establishes the new heaven and the new earth. But it is a hope that is sure and certain, because it rests on the promises of the One who has already triumphed over the grave and promised that one day He will bring us to be with Him. (John 14:3)

May that hope burn brightly within us, even amidst our sorrow at our (temporary!) parting from our friends.

Grace and peace,

Louis

MINISTER'S HOLIDAYS

4-17 September – pastoral cover by Rev Norman Afrin (Sandyhills)
26-28 October – pastoral cover by Rev Rhona MacDonald (Carntyne & Cranhill)
18-27 November – pastoral cover by Rev Rhona MacDonald (C & C)

KIRK SESSION AND CONGREGATIONAL BOARD MEETINGS

Session -29 September 2026

Board – 20 October 2026

UPCOMING SERVICES

Dedication Service

Dedication Service for our Boys' Brigade Company and Girl-guiding Units - Sunday 20th September.

Guest Preachers

Rev Jean de Villiers will take the services on 6 and 13 September.

Jim Dewar of Tearfund will be our guest preacher on 11 October.

Communion

Sunday 27 September. * **Please note change of date** *

Harvest Thanksgiving Service

Our Harvest Service will take place on Sunday 4 October. As usual, there will be the opportunity to donate food to the Lodging House Mission. Please see the list (at the end of the Messenger) of which produce will be useful. Donations of fresh produce are also welcome. For those who would prefer to make a financial offering for harvest, there will also be a retiring collection.

Remembrance Sunday Service

Sunday 8 November 2025 - service starts at 10.50 am prompt

Remembrance Service at Sandymount Cemetery

An outdoor Service of Remembrance will take place at the Cross of Sacrifice in Sandymount Cemetery on Wednesday 11 November, starting at 10.50 am.

Monthly Services at Springboig Care Centre

Services take place at 3 pm on the first Wednesday of the month.

2 Sep 2026 - led by Rev Tess Lowe (St Serf's Episcopal)

7 Oct 2026 – led by Louis

4 Nov 2026 – led by Rev Tess Lowe (St Serf's Episcopal)

2 Dec 2026 – led by Louis

Louis will also be leading a service at **Greenfield Park Care Home** on 4 November at 11 am.

LHM Annual Homelessness Service

LHM: Annual Homelessness Service – 6 pm on Thursday 8 October at LHM's premises at 35 East Campbell Street (just up from the Barras – G1 5DT). The speaker is the Moderator of the General Assembly, Rt Rev Gordon Kennedy.

FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT- SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2026 at 6.45 pm

Come and join us for an evening of fun and laughter. Tickets Adult £5, Child (under 16) £3, in aid of the Church Building Fund. Get your tickets from Lynne and Willie H. Hot supper provided.

CRAFT GROUP

The Craft Group (formerly Knitting & Crochet Group) is restarting on Wednesday 2nd September from 1.30 pm till 3.00 pm.

As well as continuing with the present work we are starting a sewing group where anyone can learn to use a sewing machine or improve their skills. No previous experience is necessary.

Do come along and enjoy a cup of tea and a blether each Wednesday.

SHETTLESTON NEW TOTS

The new session has now started on Thursday afternoons from 1.00 pm until 2.15 pm.

Pre-school children including babies are very welcome along with their Mums, Dads, Grans, Grandpas or other carers.

Cost £3 including snacks, tea/coffee and juice.

THE GUILD

Tuesday October 6th – Mark the date on the calendar. That's when the Guild restarts. We meet every Tuesday at 1.30 pm, so, if you or a friend or a neighbour are just sitting in the house, come along. You will be made very welcome.

Anne S (President)

WEDNESDAY LUNCHES

That's us back after our summer break and numbers are picking up again. Unfortunately we have lost two of our ladies. We miss them very much. We are glad to have Colin back in the kitchen. We missed his cheery face!

Our volunteers are amazing. Every one of them is important and each of them brings his/her own special talents.

If you are not a regular, please come along and have lunch with us soon.

Margaret R

THE NEW PLACE

Why not drop in to the cafe on a Friday morning between 10.30 am and 12 noon for tea or coffee and goodies? It is a great opportunity to make new friends and to meet old friends for a chat.

COME AND SING CAFÉ

First and third Mondays of each month for those living with dementia and their carers. 2 pm – 3 pm.

RAINBOWS, BROWNIES, GUIDES (240th GLASGOW) TOLLCROSS/SHETTLESTON RANGER UNIT



Rainbows and Brownies – Wednesdays 6.15 pm – 7.30 pm
Guides and Rangers – Wednesdays 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm

240th Rainbows

The Rainbows are looking forward to starting back after the summer break. For the first few weeks we will be focusing on the Communicate badge under the Express Myself theme while some of our girls will be learning their promise.

We have our first Rainbow who has completed all 6 of the Rainbow theme awards and therefore has achieved her Gold Award; well done Grace!

A few of our girls are moving up to Brownies this month, we will miss them but know they will have a great time! We will also miss one of our young leaders Rachel as she heads off to university. Wishing you all the best Rachel!

Rainbow Leaders

240th Brownies

We are looking forward to beginning our new session on Wednesday 2nd September. We are planning to Have Adventures, learn some Folklore and Plan Celebrations! We look forward to seeing our older girls come back and to welcoming new Brownies.

We meet in the large hall on Wednesdays from 6.15 pm to 7.30 pm. Girls aged 7-10 welcome. Membership enquiries can be made via Girlguiding UK website or through the Church.

The Brownie Leaders

240th Guides

We start back on Wednesday 2nd September at 1930 hrs till 2100 hrs.

If anyone new, aged 10-14, would like to join, they are welcome.

We are also looking for adult helpers aged 18 plus. If anyone is interested, or knows of someone who can help, we would be very happy to hear from them.

Anneka

Tollcross/Shettleston Ranger Unit

The Rangers start their meetings for the new session on Wednesday 2nd September at 7.30 pm. All girls age 14-18 welcome - you don't have to have been a Guide. We finish at 9 pm.

We run a varied programme - cooking, craft, outings, outdoor activities, sport, opportunities for travel... Girls can do anything!!

We are looking for another leader/volunteer. If anyone can help please contact me on crmair@ntlworld.com

Cathleen Mair (Ranger Leader)



94TH GLASGOW (1ST SHETTLESTON) COMPANY, THE BOYS' BRIGADE

All sections meet on Friday evenings in the Church Hall.

ANCHOR BOYS for boys in P1-P3 – 7 pm to 8 pm

JUNIOR SECTION for boys in P4 to P6 – 7 pm to 9 pm

COMPANY and SENIOR SECTIONS for boys in P7 to S6 – from 7 pm to 10 pm

Company Section

We've just started back for Session 2026-27, and we're looking forward to another full programme over the coming year.

Two of our Senior Boys, Evan Thom and Arran Wilson, have completed King George VI Officer Training, and are now appointed as Lieutenants. They're a great addition to the leadership team and we're very proud of them.

We'll have more details of activities and plans for the session in future articles.

Company Section runs on Fridays from 7.00 pm to 10.00 pm for Boys in P7 upwards. We offer a programme of physical activity, skills, community service, personal development and leadership. New recruits are always welcome, so if you know of any Boys who might like to give it a try, please put them in touch.

Colin Goodall, Lieutenant (Adjutant)
(colingoodall91@hotmail.com) Tel 07827032807)

Junior Section and Anchor Boys

We have now started our new session and after lots of online advertising and 2 weeks in we have seen a fantastic turnout of new boys in both Junior Section and Anchor Boys.

We have had a couple of games nights to ease the boys back in gently and will now commence our parade nights.

Looks like we are going to have a fun and busy session but we wouldn't have it any other way.

For further information, contact us at: the94th1st_jrsbb@hotmail.com

Nicola Bell

HOUSE GROUP

A house group will be starting on Monday nights at 7.30 pm. We will meet every 1st and 3rd Monday each month. It will be an online meeting for bible study but with regular in-person meetings too. Our first meeting will be Monday 7th September at 7.30 pm online.

Speak to Karen McC, Christine W or Mike D for more details.

SHETTLESTON NEW COMMUNITY CHOIR

The choir has started back after our summer break and continues to meet from 7 pm to 8.30 pm on Thursday nights. We are looking forward to welcoming folk from across Glasgow to the Sing Together Day at Shettleston New on Saturday 24th October. This event is being organised by our choirmaster, Jenny Cheung, and all are welcome to come and join us for a day of singing and smiles - you don't need to be a member of the choir or have any previous experience. Please see Janie Reddick (0791 387 1273) if you'd like to know more - we'd love to see you there!

TREASURER UPDATE

Our **summer outing** to Troon was a fantastic day for all. The costs were funded by the coffee morning in June, donations and using some of the legacy money received from the estate of Betty Daly. As many of you know, this was an event that Betty loved to attend over the years and we are thankful to be able to remember Betty in this way.

I will be ordering **freewill offering envelopes** for 2027 soon. If you no longer use envelopes please let me know by 30 September. If you don't have envelopes but would like them, please ask me. And, if you are thinking of moving over to giving by bank transfer get in touch for the details.

After my request in June a number of people have come forward to sign up for **gift aid donations**. If you are a taxpayer then it is worthwhile considering. It is at no extra cost to yourself and one form is all it takes to get it going. If this is something you are interested in please speak to me.

And finally, thank you to those who have set out **to increase their giving**. The deficit I spoke of in June between church income and expenditure is still there (!) so please consider what ways you might regularly give to narrow the gap. We do not receive any grant funding or financial help – all our money comes from our members and church friends.

Thank you.

Karen McC (Treasurer)

POPPY SCOTLAND 2026

How time flies! It won't be long till Remembrance Sunday, which this year is on 8 November. I will be making cards and poppies again this year in aid of Poppy Scotland and will also have other poppy related goods for sale. As you know Poppy Scotland is very close to my heart and I ask you to support me for this very worthwhile cause. Goods will be on sale for 3 weeks before Remembrance Sunday. Don't forget to purchase a poppy for your dog's collar.

Margaret L

POPPIES

We hope to have poppies for sale at the Church in time for Remembrance Sunday.

DEATHS

"Blessed are the Dead which die in the Lord"

Doreen Macleod - 15 August 2026

Doreen had worshipped at Eastbank since she was a young girl, had been a member (and President) of the Young Mothers' Club, and was a keen and committed member of the Guild, having served as Vice-President and Secretary. She was a great supporter of the Wednesday Lunches and the New Place and was a great friend to many ladies in the church, especially Christine Stevenson. Doreen was also a tremendous fundraiser for the church, the Guild and Macmillan Cancer Support charities. Her warm and gregarious presence will be greatly missed at Shettleston New and we continue to hold her 3 daughters and all the wider family in prayer as we mourn Doreen's passing.

Jean Kelly – 25 August 2026

Jean had a quiet but strong faith which had developed at different East End churches over the decades, including St Luke's (Calton) and later Shettleston Old. After it closed, Jean began worshipping at Shettleston New and quickly developed strong friendships with many of the senior ladies in our congregation, and became a stalwart of the Wednesday Lunches and the New Place as well as of the Guild. Jean had faced a number of health challenges in recent years but always conducted herself with great courage and dignity. We remember her children, Alastair and Fiona, and the wider family in prayer at this sad time.

FASHION SALE BY TAYLOR FASHIONS

Tuesday 27 October 2026 at 7 pm

Back by popular demand. A show has been arranged for Tuesday 27th October at 7 pm. Tickets will go on sale at the end of September. Please listen out for announcements.

An opportunity to treat yourself or to start your Christmas shopping at affordable prices. Hope to see you there.

Grace D

FORTHCOMING EVENT - CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Advance Notice - The Christmas Fayre this year will be held on Saturday 28th November between 10 am and 12.30 pm. Another opportunity for Christmas Shopping and you can meet friends and have tea/coffee in comfort. What more can you ask?

Anyone wishing a stall to sell goods they have made etc please see Margaret Stevenson or Grace Dunlop. We will be pleased to accommodate you.

Further details nearer the date.

Grace D

TEARFUND

Global Week of Prayer: 6 to 13 September, 2026

Get involved in the Global Week of Prayer. Together with Tearfund staff, partners, and friends at [24-7 Prayer](#), this September during the Global Week of Prayer you can join hundreds of thousands of Christians praying non-stop around the world to honour Jesus and pray in his name.

To equip you to pray for your global neighbours facing injustice and extreme poverty, Tearfund have created a free resource where you'll find information and prayer points to help guide your prayers in creative ways.

What you'll be praying for –

Each of the issues below pushes people deeper into poverty, rooted in global injustice. Whether it's the devastation of conflict, the harsh realities of climate change, or the systemic discrimination faced by women and girls, these forces break communities apart. That's why we'll be praying in the name of Jesus about:

- conflict
- climate
- gender inequality

You can access the resources at:

www.tearfund.org/globalweekofprayer

There are printed copies available at both church entrances.

Christine W (Tearfund Church Representative}

ALTERATIONS 4 U

Restarted after the summer break. If you would like to have clothes repaired or altered to fit, and help our Building Fund at the same time, then Alterations 4 U is just what you need. Just bring the garment/s to church with a note of the change you wish. All proceeds to Building Fund. See Christine H.

THANK YOU

Three months have passed, but it is not too late to say thank you for the cards, gifts, cakes with candles and church flowers from different groups on the occasion of my 90th birthday. I did enjoy all the fuss. Now it's time to come back down to earth and think about being an old woman – soon.

Kathleen M

BLYTHSWOOD CARE SHOEBOX APPEAL

A reminder that our annual Shoebox Appeal is coming up in October.

Shoeboxes will be available nearer the time and return date advised.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Lorraine N

BABY'S AND CHILDREN'S JUMPERS AND CARDIGANS/TEDDY AND DOLLY OUTFITS

Thanks to everyone who has purchased items to help our Building Fund. We are delighted to say that sales from the beginning of 2026 are slightly over £800. Thanks to all the groups who allow us to display and sell our goods and thanks too for generous donations of wool and buttons.

We have a good selection of items. The stall is usually out at Wednesday Lunches, Thursday Tots Group, Friday New Place and at the Community Choir on the first Thursday of each month. If you would like something on a Sunday, see Margaret Stevenson or Christine Hooper in the café area after the service - it is not difficult to get out the boxes.

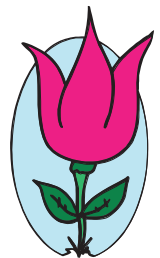
A hand-knitted cardigan is a good way to welcome a new baby and, thinking ahead to Christmas, what could be better than a nice warm jumper or cardigan for a baby or small child? Dolly and teddy outfits (including school uniforms made for any school) also make great Christmas or birthday gifts. If you wish something in a different size or colour just ask – we'll try to make what you want. Orders can be taken – please order as early as possible for Christmas.

We also have crocheted knee rugs and knitted and crocheted pram blankets – see our selection on the stall and prepare to be cosy when winter comes.

If you belong to any group outwith the church which would allow us to show and sell goods, we would be pleased to arrange this. It is also possible to visit workplaces e.g. at lunchtime.

FLOWER FUND

"In Sweet Remembrance and with Grateful Thanks"



Thank you to everyone who has gifted the flowers which we have in the church every Sunday. If you wish to donate flowers on any of the open dates, to pay for flowers for arranged dates or to tell us of someone who should receive flowers, please contact Margaret Stevenson. The Flower Box in the vestibule at the front of the church can be used by anyone wishing to contribute towards flowers but not wanting to take a particular date.

Sept 6 – Sandra

Sept 13 – Open

Sept 20 – Robin McC

Sept 27 – Open

Oct 4 – Lorraine S

Oct 11 – Carol E

Oct 18 – Kirsteen B

Oct 25 – Betty F

Nov 1 – Open

Nov 8 – Carol E

Nov 15 – Carol E

Nov 22 – Open

Nov 29 – Margaret L

Dec 6 – Sandy D

Dec 13 – Ellen McD

Dec 20 – Nancy C & Kathleen M

Dec 27 – Open

CHURCH MUGS FUNDRAISER - AUTUMN 2026



Various images of the church building have kindly been created and put onto ceramic mugs by Val McNeill. If you are interested in obtaining one (or two!) they are available for a suggested donation of £5 after each morning service. When they are gone, they are gone! If you cannot make it to church and wish one dropped off please message Robin with details (07806 772854). The full proceeds collected will go towards General Church Funds.

COLLECTIONS FOR OTHERS

Always needed – boxes in church vestibule and on shelf in café area.

- ☐ Used postage stamps for Marie Curie Huntershill.
- ☐ Spectacles for third world countries.
- ☐ Wool for knitting blankets for those in need. Wool also used for knitting goods to sell in aid of our Building Fund.
- ☐ Unwanted foreign coins or obsolete British coins for Marie Curie Huntershill.
- ☐ Old mobile phones for Oxfam.

NEXT MESSENGER

We hope to publish the next Messenger before the end of November. Please submit items for this edition by **Sunday 15 November 2026**.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The Brick

The bricklayer laid a brick on the bed of cement, then, with a precise stroke of his trowel spread another layer, and, without a by-your-leave, laid on another brick. The foundations grew visibly. The building rose, tall and strong, to shelter men.

I thought, Lord, of that brick buried in the darkness at the base of the big building. No one sees it, but it accomplishes its task, and the other bricks need it.

Lord, what difference whether I am on the roof-top or in the foundation of your building, as long as I stand faithfully at the right place?

Lodging House Mission – Harvest Donation Requests 2026

We are so grateful to you for supporting LHM year after year, it means a lot to us. We've put together a short list of the things we need most. If you're able, please pick from these - we've thought it through so it reflects what we actually use. We've also included a few everyday essentials we usually have to buy; donating these would save us money that we can redirect to other areas of our work. Your help allows us cook hot, nutritious lunches and provide emergency food parcels for those who are struggling. If a cash donation is easier, we'll use it to buy fresh fruit, veg and other perishables we need, keeping meals healthy and cutting waste. Thank you from The LHM Team.

Cereal	Tinned Fruit	Tinned Goods
Corn Flakes/Crunchy Nut	Pears	Baked Beans
Weetabix	Pineapples	Chopped tomatoes
Rice Crispies	Mandarins	Coconut Milk
Sugar Puffs	Fruit Cocktail	Condensed Milk
Frosties	Other	Potatoes
Coco Pops	Diluting/fresh juice	Custard
Cheerios	Coffee	Rice Pudding
Porridge	Biscuits	Butter Beans Dried
Goods	Crisps	Cannellini Beans
Cous Cous	Tea Bags	Chickpeas
Bulgur wheat	Long life milk	Tinned lentils
Paprika, Cumin	Rapeseed Oil	Other
Lentils	Plain Flour	Brown Sauce Mixed
herbs	Corn Flour	Tomato Sauce Garlic
powder	Mustard	Vinegar
Onion powder	Butter	Soya Sauce
Chilli powder	Bottle lemon/lime juice	Worcestershire Sauce
Crushed chillies	Dry yeast	Olive oil
Ground coriander	Baking Powder	Vegetable oil
Black pepper	Red wine vinegar	Gravy Granules
Salt	Apple Cider Vinegar	Veg Stock cubes/ bullion
Pasta	Vanilla Extract	Jelly
Long grain rice	Essentials	Sugar
Bay Leaves	Washing up liquid	Tomato Paste
Lasagna Sheets	Washing Powder	Passata
Coriander	Toilet Tissue	

Food Parcel Items

Pot noodles/ packet noodles	Tinned ham, corn beef, tuna,	Tinned spaghetti, spaghetti hoops	Tinned meatball, macaroni, tinned dinners eg: curries
instant mash	Microwave rice pouches, pasta pouches	Biscuits, cereal bars	tinned soups packet soups