

Vision Sunday

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# Introduction

James Glass

2017 was quite a year in the life of Glasgow Elim Church.

During the year we welcomed new leaders to our team, James Richardson and Gary and Rachel Gibson. I have really appreciated the contribution that James and Gary and Rachel have made to the life and ministry of Glasgow Elim.

It was a year of seeing established ministries grow and strengthen.

The East Kilbride church celebrated its first birthday and continues to meet twice a month. We appreciate greatly the hard work of the core team of Alec and Rhona Keys, Andy and Karen MacLellan and Ian and Janice Gavin in carrying the work in East Kilbride forward.

*Messy Church* continues to grow under the leadership of Anne-Marie Russell. Anne-Marie has done a fantastic job, building on the excellent foundation left by Steven and Annette Holmes. This outreach is proving to be both creative and effective. It was really encouraging to see so many people from the Toryglen community at the *Messy Church* carol service.

Our *Connect* groups remain strong and have played an essential role in helping people to grow and in strengthening the depth of relationship across the church. Thank you to those who lead our *Connect* groups. Their leadership, vision and faithfulness continue to help our *Connect* groups flourish.

*Stepping Up* has enabled those participating to grow in their understanding of the scriptures. For anyone considering further training at Bible college, *Stepping Up* provides a very solid foundation for further study.

We have continued our monthly *Prayer Gatherings*, sometimes praying through until midnight. It has been encouraging to see a core of people meeting for prayer every month.

It has also been encouraging to see the Wednesday prayer gathering continue to flourish. After establishing this prayer meeting and leading it for many years, Ray Jones handed over the leadership to Pastor J.R..

One of the highlights of the past year was our ninetieth anniversary celebration. It gave us an opportunity to reflect on the goodness and faithfulness of God to Glasgow Elim over its ninety years. It was also an opportunity to thank Him for those who blazed a trail in generations past and through whose sacrificial giving and service Glasgow Elim is what it is today.

I want to pay special tribute to all those who worked hard to make this event such a memorable occasion.

We launched a special initiative that day to clear the mortgage on the car park by the end of 2017. A big “Thank you” to all who gave so generously. Whilst we didn’t quite meet our target, your giving has ensured that we are in a good position to clear the mortgage this year. This is particularly satisfying since in 2013 we launched 300 Challenge to the end that we would clear our mortgage in five years.

## **Thank you**

My annual report is always an opportunity to say “Thank you”.

Thank you to God for His incredible goodness and faithfulness.

Thank you *all* for all your support and encouragement. And thank you to those who regularly and faithfully give to the work that God is doing in and through Glasgow Elim.

Thank you also to two people who have played a significant part in the life and ministry of Glasgow Elim. Michael Trotter led our worship team for seven years. Thank you, Michael, for the commitment and hard work that you invested in the team.

Thanks also to Ray Jones. Ray and June were part of Glasgow Elim for many years. As many of you will know, June went to be with the Lord last year. Ray

and June's incredible courage and faith at such a difficult time was a testimony to us all of how God can be trusted at the most challenging times in life.

Special thanks to my family - Beryl, Jonathan, Alice and Niall. To the leadership team – Jackie, Louis, Alec, James and Andy. And to the staff team of Beryl, James, Gary, Jenny and Marion.

Some of you will remember the visit of David and Greta Peterson last year. I want to leave you with a paragraph from a prophecy that they shared with us: *“Spring is a time of awakening from dormancy. The church worldwide is entering a spring season. Greater awakening is happening. We must be awake to God's purposes and align with them in prayer, in faith, and in action. Believe for more in this new season. What was not possible in the last season will be possible in this next season. Revisit some old visions and prophecies and believe for them again. Tune your ears to the Spirit and listen for his ongoing revelations and guidance.”*

As we look towards the year ahead, let's do so believing God for great things.

# Welcome

Susan Miller

Welcome, is an integral part of Glasgow Elim Church. We want everyone to be made welcome and feel at home.

It's great to hear reports from those who visit and go onto settle with us about how welcome they have been made to feel.

“There are members of the Welcome Team on duty for all our Sunday services. Duties include welcoming everyone, handing out notices, assisting visitors as needed, assisting anyone with mobility needs and acting as marshals should the church need to be evacuated.

The team has recently benefited from some new volunteers but there is still a need for a few more folk on the Main service and Evening Service rotas.

Should anyone like to join the Welcome Team, they would only need to serve once every 6 weeks for one service and would not be expected to serve at all services. You can volunteer by filling in a Serve card with your name, email and phone number and indicating which service/s you would be available to serve at. Please post it in the post box in the foyer.

The Welcome Team are also occasionally asked to volunteer to serve at special events such as the Anniversary Celebrations, Christmas Events and Conferences.

Thanks to all the members of the Welcome Team for their faithful service.”

# Connect Sundays

James Olatoke

The Connect team: Welcome Home.... care for a cuppa?

The Connect team is a hospitality ministry. We aim to create an environment that helps everyone to \*connect\* with someone in church. We help to create this sense of welcome by offering everyone a hot (or cold) beverage and a bite to eat before the services. We set out a stand with teas / coffee in the church foyer 30 minutes before the start of the Sunday services and other special events.

In 2017, it was our privilege to serve at all the Sunday morning services and some special programmes. It was particularly wonderful to serve refreshments during the 90th anniversary celebrations in September. We set up shop in the Larkfield Centre and saw so many good friends of the church come through for some refreshments. It was an honour to be part of the success of the whole day.

We had 2 new members join the team during 2017 and now regularly serve about 40 teas/coffees between 10.15 and 11am (between the morning services). We would love to see even more people coming along a few minutes earlier on Sundays and joining in the fun.

Last year, I decided it was time to hand over the leadership of the team to Martin and Tracy King from January 2018. I'd like to say a big thank you to all the members of the connect team and others who drop in to give us a hand from time to time. Please do continue to pray for, and support Martin and Tracy as they carry forward this ministry. And let's continue to give the gift of community in 2018.

If you would like to know more about the connect team, please speak to Martin King

# Connect Groups

Connect groups at Glasgow Elim continue to grow.

Groups are for 4 seasons a year and you sign up to be part of a group for a particular season. Following a choice of courses or a programme together as a whole church with a study based on the Sunday morning teaching programme.

We would like to mention all our group leaders who work very hard in connect people preparing their homes and hearts for those who gather each week.

The connect group leaders meet together for fellowship and input across the year. This has strengthened connections and also gives opportunity to share testimony of what God is doing in the groups.

If you haven't connected with a group yet, there's still plenty of opportunity.

Email [connect@glasgowelim.org.uk](mailto:connect@glasgowelim.org.uk)

# Crèche

Rhona Keys

Glasgow Elim Church has an excellent crèche facility which caters for children from 0 to three years of age from 11.30 am till 1 pm. It is a privilege to minister God's love to the children in the crèche, and we are committed to the safety and wellbeing of your child/children during your time with us. The crèche has facilities for feeding and we have snack time at 12 noon where we encourage the children to sit together and learn social skills.

Over the last year the children have been involved in learning about how God loves us and how He made us. The children are very creative making collages and art work that is displayed in the crèche. We encourage free play in the creche area and children are relaxed and encouraged to try different play activities.

The children have free play time in the crèche using the ball pool and other toys with designated time to be creative with play dough, painting and drawing with each child being encouraged to turn take and share. The children at the end of each session have a time of prayer and sing. Children in the crèche can learn how to share and gain an understanding of God's love.

The crèche has committed workers on a rota system which is flexible. The children are blessed to have a committed team. Many thanks to the creche volunteers that are faithful in this ministry.

The crèche is actively seeking to recruit new workers who feel that they would like to minister in this area and I would be delighted to discuss the crèche in more detail and answer any queries.

# Junior Fusion

Pauline Welsh

At the beginning of 2017 the children in Junior Fusion learned about God the Father from the story 'The Good Good Father', by Chris Tomlin. The story also explored God as our healer, God our provider, God as our teacher and God as our friend. As the year progressed the children began to look at the life of Jesus and will continue to do so in 2018.

At Easter and Christmas time the children always enjoy discussing the real meaning of these celebrations and love to finish it off with a party.

A highlight this year was being involve in 'The Shoebox Appeal', learning about the importance of giving to others.

The children in Junior Fusion love to pray and ask God to speak to them, many children can hear God and see some amazing pictures.

Junior Fusion is place where the children can grow, learn and build friendships. A Sunday is usually filled with laughter, fun and messy play.

I aim as the Leader of Junior Fusion, to ensure the children know how much they are loved by Father God, that they will to be confident about who they are in Christ and that they learn to love others as God loves them.

# Fusion

Dot Sharp & Sherine Williams

Fusion Children's Church caters for all children from P2 – P7. We currently have a team of Leaders who desire to see God move in the lives of the children and encourage them to reach their full potential in God.

Over the last session our focus with the children was Welcome & Worship. This was an exciting time for us in Fusion as we had the opportunity to have live worship with the children. The children engaged fully with worship and as a team we were greatly encouraged to see the children being free to worship and share what God was saying to them through words and pictures. In the month of September, we focused our theme on The Armour of God & Spiritual Warfare, encouraging children to participate in 'Sword Drill' to help them find and recall Scriptures from the Bible.

Over the past year the children have enjoyed many events and highlights: - Scottish Kidz Camp, Farewell lunch P7's, Heads of Ayr Farm Park trip, Light Party and of course our Christmas Production Light's, Camel, Action. Additionally, we hosted a very inspiring Regional development event for leaders and Parents/Carers utilising the ministry of Olly Goldenberg.

Our prize giving gathering was a great success and gave the opportunity for our parents/carers to celebrate the children's achievements.

This year we are looking at The Word/going deeper encouraging the children to read the Word and share to other children/leaders attending Fusion. In addition Witness/serving our community will be another theme to explore with the children.

We have some great activities for the children and parents/carers to engage in. Our curriculum is based on teaching received as a team by Olly Goldenberg: Welcome Worship Word Warfare Witness. Olly will be providing additional development for Leaders, Parents /Carers in March of 2018.

Lastly a personal thanks to our team and all those who support us, particularly during events. Your prayers, hard work and commitment to Fusion is gratefully appreciated.

Thank You Glasgow Elim.

# Youth

Gary Gibson

2017 marked a key time for our youth ministry as we launched into our new name of Limitless Glasgow!

When we launched Limitless Glasgow in October we hosted a full youth service as part of our Sunday morning programme. Here the young people were encouraged to choose a word that they felt God was speaking over their lives and that would help to define their walk with God this term. We placed a fresh emphasis on hearing from God, developing our relationship with Him and on the importance of discipleship as we move forward with God together.

We have seen over 550 young people attend each one of our Powerpoint Glasgow events this year! Powerpoint is a national youth event in partnership with many Churches in Scotland. Our own young people have loved coming to worship, hang out, hear the word and receive prayer ministry. We are privileged as Glasgow Elim to host Powerpoint Glasgow going forward with events being held every September, November, February, April and this June we will be joining together with Powerpoint Scotland for a combined gathering in Stirling.

Limitless (Elim's national youth ministry) each year host The Gathering and is always a big highlight for our young people. The theme this year was 'For Such A Time As This' and was special to see our young people come away with passion for Jesus and a deeper understanding of the calling on their lives to live for Jesus wherever they are. We look forward to attending this again in October 2018 with the theme being 'The Uprising'.

As a Church we want to give a massive thanks and appreciation to all those who have served and continue to serve as part of the youth team. Each of you give sacrificially, with love and compassion, it goes without saying that none of the above would happen without each one of you. A massive thanks to both Jennifer Syme and Elyse Mackinnon who at different points have stepped up to lead the team this year.

We are excited to have Jenny Boyce back after Maternity Leave to continue to lead our Youth Ministry and the amazing team as we move fully into this season of being Limitless Glasgow.

We have an amazing group of young people at Glasgow Elim who are loved, chosen and called by God for such a time as this. As a whole congregation we encourage and spur each one of them on as they continue to grow into everything that God has for them, we remove every sealing and call out this limitless generation!

# Students & Twenties

James Richardson

Throughout this year we have been focusing on discipling and building the fantastic core group of people that attend this connect group in their faith. We have completed the “Community Bible Experience” along with the rest of the connect seasons topics.

Last year the Students and twenties were able to use the Spoon café. However, due to refurbishments this venue was unavailable for a long period of time. Nevertheless, we continued to meet in the Starbucks on the Royal Exchange Square. Before moving the Connect group into one of the student’s accommodation flat. We decided to do this because it gave us more flexibility end time. Furthermore, it would mean that we would be meeting in the heart of one of the student accommodation blocks.

One of the things that has really stood out this year is the way we see connect groups in general. They are such an important part of the community of church. However, they are also effectively small church plants. This connect group is in the heart Glasgow surrounded by so many students. It is important that we come together to grow and encourage one another in our journey with God. Nevertheless, the potential each connect group has to also look out and impact the area in which it meets is also huge as well.

Please put the student and twenties group on your prayer list everyday as we come into a new year. Pray that they not only grow in faith but also in boldness and courage to communicate their faith to those who they come into contact with.

Also, a huge thank you to everyone who has helped with the group in anyway over this past year or so. We truly appreciate it thank you.

If you are a student or are in your twenties and you haven’t been involved yet, we would love to have you come along. You can keep up to date with what is happening via the church website and on our Facebook page.

# Worship Team

Michael Trotter

Throughout the last year as a church, we had possibly one of the most challenging periods in recent times in terms of organisation and management of the worship team. There were a few changes also with Jenny Boyce temporarily stepping out to have her new baby – Sophie, and for a short period at least, Alan Mckinlay coming in to support the shortfall in our worship leading. On top of that, we have had people within the team step up and step out to lead worship at services – Stephen, Louis and Carla Frew at the 9am services along with Beryl Glass who has also been very faithful in her commitment to leading at these services. We also had Stuart Kilbourne, Anne and Oche co-lead evening services which was a great support also. As a church though we have continued to press-in especially at some events such as our monthly prayer meetings and even Sunday night meetings where we have seen God move and take us to new heights in our worship.

As part of the worship vision statement last year, I felt a sense of expectation and even pregnancy that something was about to be birthed. For me the whole “shift and transition” of our worship throughout the year was a sign that something was happening. With the new addition to the church and the team of Gary Gibson, it’s also clear to me that something New has been birthed into our Worship as a church which will hopefully continue to grow and develop.

As I look back on the last seven years of leading this team, I think about the mandate which I had from God which was to reconnect people back in to worship and get them interested in worship again where perhaps some had lost interest. I realised we had to go back at times and re-visit some older anointed songs before looking at some of the newer material. I feel however that we are at a place now where although we may still perhaps occasionally revisit some of those older classics, we can also consider looking forward to the New thing that God now wants to do.

With Gary now taking over the baton of leadership of the team from myself, I believe that we are in good hands, heading in a new direction with our worship whilst still focusing on the same God. The sails are tilted and the winds have changed direction, so as a church, lets lean into where God wants to take us and lets all worship together!

As you can see from the above, the church doesn’t stand still, and neither does our worship, it is constantly moving and developing and will hopefully continue to do so in the years ahead

# Men: Hardwired

Alec Keys

Hardwired is the ministry within Glasgow Elim which is aimed at men, it was established in January 2012. Its values are :

- Present the Christian faith and the following of Jesus as a dynamic, interactive relationship with a strong, assertive, radical male role model;
- Promote the ideal of a strong, interlinked and interdependent Christian brotherhood, accountable to and supportive of each other;
- Provide an environment that will present the Christian lifestyle to others that will be non-threatening.

Through-out the year there are events arranged specifically with the values above in mind. They are organised with a view to supporting the men within the fellowship of all ages to grow and become the men God has called them to be and provide opportunities for them to come together.

2017 had several events including a men's breakfast, Curry Night , National Conferences and the Annual Inchinnan Camp where Tom Paton was the guest speaker.

2018 will have a series of events including the Inchinnan Camp (August 17-19) and the trip to the annual Bradford conference (November 9/10).

There is a Hardwired prayer meeting for 1 hour on the first and third Saturday of each month – 08.00/09.00. It is planned to have a meeting on Wednesday evenings in the Church where men will be able to meet together for fellowship.

The leadership structure of Hardwired is made up of 9 individuals who meet regularly and are responsible for arranging the various events through-out the year. These leaders are; Max N'yampala, Michael Watson, Ben Quarcoo, Andy Maclellan, Stevie Mackin, Paul McGee, Alec Keys, JP McAuley , David Stevenson.

Information about Hardwired events and discussions on what God is doing in the men of the fellowship can be found at the Church Website under Hardwired; Hardwired Facebook page; Church Notice Board and News Letter or speak to any of the guys above.

# Women: Aspire

Beryl Glass

Aspire at Glasgow Elim exists to connect women of any age. We are passionate followers of Jesus. We want to grow in our faith and encourage other women to press into everything God has for them. Our events aim to encourage women and to point them to Jesus. We meet approximately six times a year across various events, including worship nights, testimony mornings, and afternoon tea.

It's great to see how so many women have grown in God, invite their friends along and really promote what God is doing through Aspire. We do enjoy His blessing on our time together. Thank you!

Our ladies' nights in February & November this year have been really well attended these times consist of worship, a guest speaker and a ministry time. At our afternoon tea, we had testimonies and encouragement from Peace and Mimie. We also had significant donations towards Coats for Kids, which is fantastic thank you!

Book club, continues and it's been wonderful to see the such growth in the lives of those who attend. They meet in Starbucks the first Monday of each month, see Cheryl Mackin.

**Scottish Regional Aspire Conference:** Lifted was held in September with guest speakers Jen Baker & Sue Owen, it was a powerful day seeing 280 women gathering from all across Scotland and the north of England. Many were touched by the powerful testimony of Linda Murray from Elim Missions. This day has continued to grow please pray as we look to make plans for the future.

Our theme this year for 2018 is confidence in God. We want to see women grow in confidence in Him. It's been great to welcome Rachel Gibson on board and have lots of help from some of our young people!

Thank you to those who give of their time and energy in helping to prepare for and serve at all our events. We will continue with Ladies night, Afternoon tea and are looking at having a retreat day towards the end of the year!

For more information visit our Facebook page Aspire Women Glasgow Elim or email [beryl@glasgowelim.org.uk](mailto:beryl@glasgowelim.org.uk)

# JOY Club Lunch

Jackie Clark

2017 was a really good year for the Joy Club.

We had an attendance of around 30 to 36 each month which was very good.

As the name suggests there was plenty of Joy in the gathering of all who were present.

There is no age barrier for people who attend and we would like to welcome some more people to join us. We all enjoy having food, fun, fellowship and a fantastic time from when we arrive to when it's time to leave.

Our Christmas dinner held at the Croft was once again a huge success and perhaps the highlight of the year!

I would like to thank Jackie Turner our cook, Tommy Halley (quiz master) and Isobel Halley our baker for their support in organizing the club. Also thanks to all those who help out.

If you are looking to be fed and need cheering up the Joy Club is the place for you on the last Friday of the month at 12 noon.

Trust we will see you there.

# Coats 4 Kids

Beryl Glass

This is our fifth year providing coats for kids in the local area.

We work with three primary schools in Govanhill, Annette Street Primary, Cuthbertson Primary, and St Brides all the schools have many poor and needy families and the head teachers and staff are so delighted that we are able to meet a need.

Many children are new to the area and the country and have very little and find themselves having to wear only thin track suit tops to walk in school in.

We provide a new coat, a pair of gloves and a hat for the children, that the school identify and go along on a morning and match a child to a coat, which is a heart wrenching but wonderful experience! One child jumped for joy when he put on his coat! The head teachers say they love what we do as it is the only new item of clothing the children ever receive. We have received letters of thanks from the schools. *"We would like to thank Elim Church for their extremely kind generosity...it was a pleasure for the staff to see the joy in their little faces and so cosy wrapped up in their new attire."*

Thank you all so much for your generous giving, for those of you who shared what we were doing with friends and neighbours to support this vital ministry to our local community. You are making a huge difference!

Special thanks go to Anne Marie Russell who again involved her work colleagues. They gave so generously and provided a large number of coats we gave out.

Thanks also to go the team who spent a Saturday sorting and labelling all the coats.

This year we will be collecting again, now is a great time of the year to look out for coats in the end of the sales. We will be distributing some coats that were left for the autumn to the schools this February.

We have given away 181 coats to date, our largest number ever! To schools, messy church and some church families.

Please think of coats for kids on these dark winter mornings' and think how you might help us this coming Autumn.

# Messy Church

Anne-Marie Russell

It has been a great privilege to lead Messy Church this year. It has been running for over 5 years now and has taken that time to build trust with the families who are now more open to sharing with us. We are now beginning to see breakthrough and lives being changed in Toryglen.

The members of the team took on specific roles this year and were involved in deciding on the programme and helping deliver this throughout the year. We invited Andy Sharp to come along and talk about healing, it was great to see some of the kids praying for each other. Dot Sharp brought along some of the kids from the church who were singing and dancing with the kids from Messy Church getting involved. Cathy and Frankie used their acting skills and did some drama sketches with some of the children getting involved, this has been a great way to get the gospel message over in a fun way.

We did a prayer walk earlier this year and would like to do more in 2018. We believe Messy Church and the area around the Community Centre needs covered in prayer.

We wanted the families to think more about giving this year so asked them to get involved in the Shoe Box Appeal and Pennies from Heaven. 14 shoe boxes were filled and £100 collected in pennies. This was donated to Glasgow City Mission to contribute towards providing Christmas dinner for the homeless.

The children benefitted again from the Coats4kids appeal, all receiving a new jacket. The toy bank was a great success. A total of 87 children received toys, this included the Messy Church families. We were also able to give toys to Home Start. The toy bank is a very practical way to help families who are struggling at Christmas but I also believe God has opened doors and made a way for us to be a shining light in the darkness. Families have been encouraged to come along to Messy Church, please keep them in prayer. I would like to say a big thank you to all those who donated to the toy bank and those who were involved in sorting out the toys and wrapping them all.

The Carol Service was a great success and some of the kids from Messy Church did the readings, it's great to see what God is doing in Toryglen.

I would like to give a big thank you to the team who have continued to give their time faithfully every month and have been a great support to me. I would also like to give a special thank you to James and Beryl for their support and guidance throughout the year.

# Deeper

Marion MacLeod

Hurts and wounds from our past can hold us back and may stop us from moving into all God has for us. The effects of our own and our parents and grand-parents' choices, may exert pressure on us, to live and think in ways that are not in tune with a life that seeks to honour God.

At a 'Deeper Weekend' we take time to allow God to expose the things that hold us back, and invite Him to heal the deepest hurts within us, the hurts no one else can see, allowing us to live in a greater level of freedom. We focus on all Jesus accomplished for us at the cross, the importance of forgiveness and what it means to us, to know God as our Father.

Each session starts with some teaching, following which you are paired up with and spend time praying privately with a member of the Deeper team.

We aim to schedule Deeper Weekends every three to four months. Those who have been through the ministry and worked through the follow up testify that they found it life changing.

# Alpha

Andy Sharp

During 2017 we ran one alpha course in the Spring session on a Thursday evening. The format of the programme is well established however we were able to use the new material. As a team we had a number of training sessions before the programme ran in Spring. The biggest change was to utilise the main hall to serve food and take advantage of the sound system and screen for sessions. This allowed us to modify the final session of the programme to use as a social and watch the Darren Wilson film *Father of Lights*. This links well to the ongoing purpose of creating Disciples led by the Holy Spirit.

As with previous iterations sessions were attended by those who were already Christians, and/or relatively new to our church a noticeable feature was the lack of non-Christians within the group.

We continued to use Hunter House museum for the Holy Spirit Encounter and as with previous years it proved to be a great success with it's proximity to Glasgow and the friendly staff and good quality food and facilities on site.

We want to encourage existing church members to invite non-Christian friends/colleagues. Continue building our team to provide excellent catering, which is a huge part of Alpha.

- Having a larger team paid great dividends as we were able to divide team leaders to meet and greet participants as well as have others set up the room whilst food was being prepared. The set up allowed serving of food at a single table created a much greater sense of togetherness and formed some excellent friendships between leaders and participants.
- Facebook and other media: We continued to use a dedicated Facebook group page to pass information to participants and share thoughts comments and questions. This has proved valuable in publicising the Holy Spirit encounter and post-course Spiritual Gifts course and other additional materials following weekly small group discussions.

Feedback from participants in Alpha gives us a great deal of encouragement. The sense of togetherness and quality of team-work throughout have been a welcome feature that the course has generated. The biggest challenge we continue to face is to encourage the wider church to invite un-saved friends to attend. Going forward into 2018 the capacity to use the Minor Hall is important as it makes food preparation, serving and cleaning up more straightforward. We are getting a sound system to allow us to run all sessions in a more contained intimate setting.

# Notes



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