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Mission Statement: *King's Park Church sharing God's love by reaching out to others.*

"When you are overwhelmed, it is easy to jump to the conclusion that God isn't on the job. When you can't figure it out, faith it out".

See Psalm 9:10-11

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CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

Admissions by Resolution of the Kirk Session

Mrs Morag Montgomery, Fintry Drive
 Miss Eleanor Watson, King's Park Avenue
 Mr Alex Hardie, Carntyne
 Mrs Natalie Hardie, Carntyne
 Ms Danielle Davidson, Paisley

By Certificate of Transfer

Mr Walter Smyth, Burnside
 Mrs Ann Smyth, Burnside

No of Communicants on Roll (as at 29th Feb) = 576

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

“Suffer the Little Children to Come Unto Me”

5 March Andy Ming Shen, Castlemilk Road

AT REST

“I am the Resurrection and the Life”

14 Feb Mr George McClunie, Glencroft Drive

Prayer Focus

Dear Lord, We pray for our 9 new elders, be with them as they meet the members of their district. We remember all who are sick in mind, body or spirit. Give them healing. For all who have lost a loved one, especially those who have been bereaved in recent days, surround them with your ever loving arms. Give them courage to face tomorrow and strength to endure this time in their life. We pray for the wider work of the Church– the Well, Cross Reach, Church House. Let us share God's love by reaching out to those in our community. Amen



FROM THE MANSE. . . The Centre of our Lives!

During Lent and Holy Week this year we have had the cross in the centre of the Church. Some people looked straight onto it, others had to turn slightly, whilst others had to turn around completely as it was behind them. Do we know exactly where Jesus is in our lives? Is Jesus behind us, as we race forward in life trying to keep up with the rest of the world? Are we struggling to squint at Him from the side, not sure exactly where He's leading us or in fact if we are going in the right direction? Or is Jesus right in front of us, guiding and leading us down the path He has planned out for us? We all need to keep Jesus at the heart of our lives. Can you imagine Easter without the Resurrection? Can you imagine life without Jesus – with this world being all there is? I wonder what those first disciples would have done without the resurrection? Would they have carried on or gone back to fishing? Would they have given up at the first difficult hurdle, the first opposition they faced? What about us? Where would we be, or how would our lives be different without our faith in Jesus? Fortunately, we will never know the true answers to these questions because we are the fortunate ones to have heard and responded to Jesus call to believe and follow Him. We are Jesus 21st Century disciples and Jesus is depending on us to be strong, courageous and to take action on His behalf. We need to think outside the box as the first disciples did, following the same charge of Jesus to go out and train everyone we meet, far and near, in God's way of life. Telling them of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Teaching them of Jesus ways, whilst remembering Jesus promise – *“I'll be with you as you do this, day after day, right up to the end of the age.”* God loved the world so much He gave his Son, his one and only Son.



We have received generously and freely from God, through Jesus and in the power of His Holy Spirit. It's time to keep Jesus at the heart of our lives, to build upon our personal relationship with Him, so that we can see Him clearly in front of us, guiding us through the storms and trials of life. May God Bless you and your family this Easter and every day, love *Sandra*

Editor's Extras...

How time flies? Easter is over and I hope you were able to attend some or all of our Holy Week services under the auspices of our Churches Together Friends, including the Walk of Faith, an important part of our reflections at this time. The clocks have gone forward. Can we look forward to holidays? Our Church is taking shape for the coming year. We have five new members and nine new elders and we welcome them most warmly into our midst. Our Pilot Light is underway with requests to members with ideas, to contribute to the scheme. The final "Both Sides Now" is contained within this issue and links, I hope, to Pilot Light, showing the various attributes of our Church. Gary King, one of our new elders, has had experience through his work, of many of Scotland's Places of Worship and has provided a personal and interesting insight, through an article in this issue. Please pray for our Minister, Pastoral Assistant and our fellow members - also for the leaders of our organisations as they come to the end of another term of activity.

So, take care and walk in faith,
WP

Pondering Our Mission Statement

Sharing God's Love:

- AGM and Ordination of Elders, Matthew 9:35, 10:10
- What are you waiting for? John 11:1-45
- Worship, Psalm 45, John 12:1-11

Annual General Meeting

Thanks to all who attended the AGM on 6th March during the morning service when Mr Alan Pratt, Mrs Jacqueline Coleman and Mr Niall Kinloch presented the requisite annual reports for 2015 and thanks were expressed to them and all others involved in the business of our Church. There was one addition to the Congregational Board with no disjunctions. We wish our new member, Miss Stephanie Mathie every Blessing in this venture.

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE
"We Give Thee But Thine Own"
FINANCE REPORT - February 2016

| | £ <u>February</u> |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <u>INCOME</u> | |
| Offerings | 8,218 |
| Last Year Offerings | 7,623 |
| Difference +/-% | 8% |
| YTD Difference +/-% | 6% |
| Regular Monthly Income | 810 |
| HMRC - Gift Aid | 4,463 |
| Hall Hires | 1,001 |
| Donations - Funerals | 100 |
| Donation - Frock Swap | 1,000 |
| Charitable Offerings & Donations | 2,266 |
| Total Month's Income | <u>17,858</u> ===== |
| <u>EXPENDITURE</u> | |
| Regularly Monthly Costs | 15,220 |
| Charitable Offerings & Donations | 2,216 |
| One off Costs | 1,369 |
| Total Month's Costs | <u>18,805</u> ===== |
| Monthly Income vs (Costs) | -947 |

Comments

Offerings show an 8% increase on last year, and are 6% up on last year as at end of February. Hall Hire income received during the month was £1,101. The Frock Swap Evening raised £1,171 for charities and £1,000 for the Church. Three funeral retiring offerings also raised £1,045 for charities. One off costs in February included a deep clean of floors at £1,144 and replacement glass at the church officer's house £225. The shortfall in income over expenditure for the calendar month was £947.

THE GUILD

Our current session is now drawing to a close, and once again it has passed very quickly. We had a visit from Mr John Phillips on February 24th. His topic was "The Happiest Days of my Life." John was a teacher at John Street Secondary School (the new building) and gave a most interesting (and amusing) account of his time there. He is also a member of the Scripture Union, and hopes to return at a future date to speak about the S.U. in Slovakia.

On 2nd March, Mrs Marion Dickie came to show slides of a visit to South Africa which she and her daughter took in 2012. She showed us one of the Game Reserves and some of the animals there. She also showed several views of the Capetown Area, including Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for 27 years. Our thanks to Mrs Dickie for this presentation.

Our annual Coffee Morning, held on Saturday 5th March, to date has raised the sum of £570 which is the highest total we have had for some time. We would like to express our thanks to everyone who helped in any way, with special thanks to all who came along to support us.

Our guest speaker for 9th March was unable to come because of illness, so Mr Ian Duncan kindly stepped in at short notice. He very kindly showed us some lovely slides of San Francisco and Hawaii, where he and his wife spent a holiday for their 30th Wedding Anniversary. This was very much enjoyed by all who came.

At this time of writing, our AGM, half-day outing and Daffodil Tea have not yet taken place, but I will tell you about them in the next issue of our Church magazine.

As always, anyone wishing to come along to any of our meetings or special evenings will be made very welcome.

E Gillespie - Secretary

Kirk Session Report

After constituting the Session and a short service of worship, the business commenced with thanks to all those who delivered Easter Leaflets to the Parish. With regard to Presbytery Business, Raymond Jenkins will continue as Presbytery Elder and Wilson Paterson will become the additional Elder. Raymond will also attend the General Assembly with Sandra in May. Andrew Robertson, whom some will remember as our Student Attachment ten years ago has become Minister at Eaglesham, and Norman Afron was presented to Presbytery as a new Minister.

Raymond is to become an Interim Moderator (Elder) at Newlands South and we wish him every Blessing in this post.

Other business covered the use of Church Buildings (not ours) for non Christian Worship and this is continuing. The Minister also requested "those with vision" to participate in the Pilot Light, and safeguarding, use of halls and fundraising information was updated. The new elders were presented to both the Kirk Session and Board and these were Sandra Anderson, Kath Graham, Gary King, Laura Kirkwood, Millie McCabe, Ann McNeice, Dougie Mills, Gaera Taylor and Faye Walker. Their photograph is on the back page of this magazine.

Congregational Board Report

Again, thanks were made for leaflet delivery. On the finance front the attestation of accounts was finalised and the Church's donation to organisations was agreed. Mr Hugh MacKinnon tendered his resignation as elder and Property Convenor for personal reasons. Gift Aid contributions have now been updated and are on an even keel. As regards the Election of Office Bearers and Convenors, all the current incumbents are willing to serve and candidates were sought for the position of Property Convenor. The sound system improvements within the sanctuary are underway.



FLOWER FUND

**Thanks are due to all who contribute to the
flower fund, beautifying our worship
week by week.**

DIET AND FITNESS CLASS - (ROSEMARY SEDGWICK)

There is a diet and fitness class in the Large Hall on a Tuesday morning 10am - 11.30am - cost £5.00 per class. No strict diet, just practical nutritional advice, optional weigh-in, fun workout and lots of motivation. Come along, this service is for you.

Call Rosemary on 639 7477 or simply drop in.

KNITTING PROJECTS

The Guild has two Knitting Projects. The first one has been run by Mrs Ann Phillips for the past 31 years, and to date have produced the following items:- mittens and bootees. cot blankets, large blankets, knee rugs for Erskine Hospital and various other homes, overtops and cardigans. Ann would like to thank everyone who helps with the knitting and those who donate wool. She urges everyone to keep up the good work.

The second Knitting Project, known as the “Buzy Beez” is run by Mrs Morag Murray’s group. They also have a wide variety of knitted goods and toys, which are also sent to various homes. Morag will be organising a Coffee Morning on Monday 11th April in the King’s Park Mews, where some of the goods will be on sale. The proceeds of this will go to Macmillan Cancer Care.



James Thomson Hendry
7.5.27– 5.2.16

Jim Hendry was a true gentleman, holding doors open, getting up out of his chair if a lady walked into the room, even trying to get out of bed to stand up when the doctor visited in hospital. He was a real character, laid back, but very sincere, reliable and would always do the right thing. He was loving and caring, had principles and Christian standards. Jim's faith was very important to him, he was Ordained as an Elder in King's Park on the 26th April 1970, a responsibility he took very seriously, faithfully attending Kirk Session meetings.



Jim was born in West Cumberland Street, to parents William and Mary Hendry. Jim was the middle child of 3, growing up with older brother Jack and younger brother Willie. The family moved to Montford Avenue and all three boys attended King's Park Primary and Secondary schools. When Jim left school he signed up for National Service at the very end of the war without telling his parents. He was posted around North Africa, Egypt and Greece ending up in the Intelligence Corp, where he was treated as an officer.

Having the gift of the gab Jim returned from National Service and became a salesman. Firstly with Pirelli, then Unilever and finally Reckitt and Colman. As a young man Jim loved being part of the Boys Brigade and liked going along to Kingsbridge Halls to dance. One evening a young lady, Lily Brown from Langside was there. Jim asked Lily to dance and they danced together all night. Jim then asked Lily where she stayed, and Lily was sure that when Jim heard that she stayed in Langside, the long walk home would put Jim off. But it didn't. At the end of the night he walked Lily home and made a date to go out again. Unfortunately a few months later, Jim was transferred through his work to Tunbridge Wells and Lily felt sure that, this time that would be the finish of things, but no – Jim wrote to Lily right away, 2 days after he arrived and they continued to correspond, and from then on - that was it. Jim returned from Tunbridge Wells 2 years later and Jim and Lily were married on the 1st April 1953 in Wynd United Free Church. Jim and Lily enjoyed 62 years of very happy married life together. Jim and Lily lived on Bowman Street where they were blessed with a son Graham in 1955 and then Marion in 1958. Being extremely proud of both of them. The family moved to Kingsbridge Drive in 1967. Jim's brother Jack and his wife Dorothy not having any children of their own spoilt Graham and Marion and every Christmas Day was

spent with them. Holidays were special times in the Hendry family, Jim had a company car which meant that they would drive to St. Anne's, down to Devon and Cornwall and Scarborough and even driving to France.

Jim was keen on physical fitness and did his exercises every morning, even in the last few weeks. He qualified as a PE teacher at night school and taught in the evenings at Castlemilk. He encouraged Graham to take up swimming coaching, where Alison and Lynn caught the swimming bug too.

Later on Jim and Lily loved going on holidays abroad; Spain, America, Canada to visit Willie and Jane, Singapore, cruising in the Mediterranean, and a memorable trip to Thailand. One night an insect crawled up Jim's trouser leg and bit him. Lily caught the insect and took it down to the reception desk. There they called a doctor, who explained that the next 24 hours were critical. Meanwhile up in the room Jim had a wee whisky to calm his nerves and dabbed some whisky on the bite too!

They did have some adventures – missing their flight because Lily was choosing a lipstick in Duty Free - when they arrived in Singapore they got off the plane onto the wrong bus which took them outside the airport and the driver had to bring them back.

Jim enjoyed and adored his Grandchildren, Alison, Lynn, Craig and Arlene. Like many Grandpa's, Jim got the opportunity to do for his Grandchildren what he never got to do for his own children. On a Thursday evening Jim and Lily went to visit Graham and Ann in Prestwick. Whilst they were there they would help Alison and Lynn deliver the local newspaper – with Lynn reminding her Grandpa that he started work as a paper boy and ended with it too! Lily and Jim took Alison and Lynn to their swimming club, but with the heat of the pool, Jim usually fell asleep and all the children knew Jim as Grandpa and shouted over, "Grandpa's sleeping again". He did redeem himself by getting the chips afterwards.

Jim and Lily regularly babysat for Craig and Arlene, with Jim loving taking Craig out for a walk pushing his pram, and always having sweets in his pocket for them. Mind you Arlene was told to sit in her chair and let Grandpa watch the news, whilst Craig was one of the few who always laughed at Jim's jokes!

Lily and Jim took all 4 for the weekend to Blackpool when they were quite young. Just before he died, Jim was delighted to hear that Alison and Lynn were both expecting babies and Jim was delighted when Alison told him she was expecting a boy.

Jim lived his life following Jesus commands to the letter – loving God with all his heart, soul, mind and strength and loving his neighbour as himself. Jim will be greatly missed by all those who were touched by his life, his life finding its completion with his Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

King's Park Church Committees

King's Park is a very busy Church with lots of important and interesting things going on every day of the week. This would not happen without dedicated and committed leaders and workers who work away in the back ground, at times unnoticed. I would personally like to say a huge thank-you to everyone who serves their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in King's Park and beyond. Many of the convenors and co-ordinators listed below will be known to you but I felt it was time to say a public thank-you to them and all who work in their committees:

Session Clerk - Alan Pratt

Clerk to the Congregational Board - Jacqueline Coleman

Treasurer - Niall Kinloch

Communication - Barbara Drummond

Finance - Niall Kinloch

Flower Team - Heather Park

Gardening Team - Bob Packer

Gift Aid - Andrew Aitken

Halls Allocation Co-ordinator - Eunice Black

Health & Safety Committee - Rosemary Kidd

Housekeeping Team - Arlene Bryson

Local Churches Together - Raymond Jenkins

Magazine Team - Wilson Paterson

Mission - Jill Kyle

Pastoral Team - Raymond Jenkins

Praise Team - Andrew Aitken

Printing Team - Aileen Campbell

Property - Hugh Mackinnon

Roll Keeper - Bob Pitman

Safeguarding - John Black

Social & Fund Raising - Lynda Young

Sound & AV Team - Raymond Jenkins

Staffing Committee - Jacqueline Coleman

Stewardship - Lynda Young & Jill Kyle

World Mission - Wilson Paterson

Youth Committee - John Black

Youth Co-ordinators - Margaret Mills, Faye Walker



On behalf of the whole family of God here at King's Park thank-you so much for all your time, effort and enthusiasm.

Well Done Good and Faithful Servants! God Bless You, *Sandra*.

CHRISTIAN AID UPDATE



Erskine Bridge Sponsored Walk takes place on Saturday 7 May and everyone is invited to take part in what will be a great day out for the whole family. This year, we're back to basics! – no woodland walks – the walking takes place on the bridge, although there will be some fun activities/refreshments at the starting point on the north side of the bridge. This is a great way to raise money for Christian Aid AND get out of your armchair!

Fight poverty step by step – register to take part NOW

Contact Alan Pratt soon on 07776 328914 and get all the details you'll need.

Christian Aid Week (15 – 21 May 2016) gives poor communities the tools they need to lift themselves out of poverty. We are committed to making your money work as hard as it can for those who struggle for a better quality of life and for their voices to be heard. King's Park has always been heavily involved in CAW and we're hoping, this year, to raise more cash than ever before.

Watch this space to find out how you can help with CAW16 – but meantime, please pray that we can get as many collectors as we need to cover the whole parish!

SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING NEWS

After the Burns Supper and the Frock Swap the Social and Fundraising Committee had a little break from duties, however, we are up and running again and looking forward to the Summer Fete on **Saturday 4th June**. Further details will follow in future magazines. Also, another date for your diary is from **Sunday 8th May until Thursday 12th May** for our textile collection. Further details will be in next months' magazine.

Lynda Young, on behalf of the Social & Fundraising Committee

CARPET BOWLS

Blue sky from horizon to horizon, feel the warmth of the sun. That reminds me, the outside bowlers will be leaving us soon to throw the big bowls. We have a group of carpet bowlers who stay on and keep "the game" going. Last month a draw was made for singles ties and some have been played. First played was Ian Barr v John Dickson and was won by John Dickson.

Another tie was played, Bill Todd v John McCabe and was won by Bill Todd. The following week John Sinclair v Jim Riddell was played and won by Jim Riddell.

Jim Riddell

BB NEWS

The current Session of both Junior and Company Sections is moving to its conclusion as both sections prepare for their end of session Parents' evenings. The footballers of the Junior Section suffered disappointment when the blue team lost 1-2 to the 195 Company in the Cathkin District KO Cup and the Black team lost 0-1 to the 16 Company to finish in fourth place.

As for the Company Section, two boys Austin Newall and Frazer Hood recently attended their Battalion Queen's Badge Competition Course at Auchengillan and they will be presented with their Queen's Badges at the traditional Queen's Badge Ceremony in May at the City Chambers.

The Company Section invited the current 3rd Year Junior Section Boys for an evenings' 'taster' which proved to be enjoyable for all concerned and hopefully they will enrol with the Company Section after the summer.

Meanwhile the Company Section will hold their Parents' night on Friday May 6th. Both Sections will hold the end of Session Church Parade on Sunday 24th April at the 11am Service. Finally, enrolment for the new Session will be on Friday 2nd September at 8pm when all boys in Primary 7 to Secondary 5 will be made most welcome.

Ian Livingstone RO

Hello, my name is Gary King and I am honoured to be one of Kings Park Church's new elders. . .

I left Bo'ness Academy aged 15 in May 1980 and started work as an apprentice Stonemason at Linlithgow Palace on 1st September. I thought I would work in Castles or other places of conflict but in actual fact the most interesting places I worked in through Historic Scotland were religious locations. The places below are worth a visit!

- Torphichen Preceptory - The Scottish Headquarters of the Knights of St John (the Knights Hospitallers)
- Glasgow Cathedral - I removed the pews and cut them up then burnt them which was a shame because they were made from beautiful wood. Years later I turned down an offer to climb the scaffold to the top of the spire/ steeple, I am not that brave. The Cathedral is beautiful.
- Newbattle Abbey store - I was responsible for Historic Scotland's store which contained John Knox's pulpit
- Kilwinning Abbey - the location of the first Masonic Lodge meeting in Scotland. Many current lodges are named after it.
- St Brides Church Bute - A lovely church with beautiful views. I had to write a report after two tourists were attacked by a bull on the access road.
- Inchmahome Priory - Nice location on Lake of Menteith and linked to Mary Queen of Scots.
- Stirling Castle Chapel Royal - this is where Mary Queen of Scots was crowned aged 9 months. It is also the site of the current queens VIP toilet in the Castle.
- Dunblane Cathedral - I installed safety rails on the upper walkways.
- Dunfermline Abbey and Rectory - Where Queen Margaret and Robert the Bruce are buried (his heart is in Melrose Abbey). Inchcolm Abbey - nice boat journey from South Queensferry and a beautiful abbey in the Forth. Island also has WW1 and WW2 defences.
- St Andrews Cathedral - I helped with the refurbishment of the display areas. Old Tom Morris is buried in the cathedral.
- Arbroath Abbey - I had to take dimensions and drawings of a stone at the abbey that may or may not have been the stone of destiny it was taken for storage in Edinburgh. Is the one in Edinburgh Castle the real one or is the one I saw the original? I believe the one in the Castle is correct. The Abbey is full of history especially in relation to the declaration of Arbroath (the blueprint for the American Declaration of Independence)
- Restenneth Priory Forfar - Founded by the monks from Jedburgh Abbey.
- Aberlerno Stones Angus - a blend of Pictish and Christian carvings
- Saddell Abbey Kintyre - Knight gravestones are there but what were they doing there. This is also the location of the Mull of Kintyre video.
- Skelmorlie Aisle Largs (not in Skelmorlie) - Beautiful wall murals.

I hope you found this interesting.

Thanks . . .

We would like to thank everyone for all their prayers, cards, flowers and visits during Jim Hendry's recent illness and following his passing. The family have appreciated the time everyone has spent with them and know that Jim would have been pleased at the tremendous turnout at his funeral. Thanks also to Sandra and Raymond for their tremendous support. It has been really appreciated.
Lily, Graham and Marion

**BOTH SIDES NOW**

Over the last few months we've looked at both the spiritual and temporal aspects of the Church. We have asked many questions as to the many facets of Structure, Worship, Fellowship, Communications, Comparison with China and our Ministry and whether there may be other ways to approach these. The original question was "Why Go to Church?" And hopefully this series shows the variety of tasks that are available to anyone who wishes to participate. There is even a window of opportunity to polish systems which may seem dusty. Change is ongoing in our Church with Pilot Light geared to attract new members and the Minister is searching for people to ensure success in this - Is this attractive to you? The Church also provides a platform for emotions - to discuss these; to be kind and care for our community; to help in time of illness and bereavement and share in the joy of relationships. This can be achieved through Pastoral Work, Bible Study (God Tok) and Prayer Groups. The Church's one foundation is belief in God, Christ and the Holy Spirit. This faith must be inherent in members or, at least, the desire to participate, perhaps through Worship Teams. Take part - don't be one of the Absentee's Alphabet overleaf.

Over the last year the potential loss of the Church and the effect of this on our community (no building - no halls - no sanctuary - no fellowship) has been discussed - a frightening prospect - does anybody believe this cannot happen? We've looked at Church from both sides now, to give and take and still somehow, those bright illusions we recall, we may not know our Church at all.

The Absentee's Report

A is for Age - I'm frail, can't you see
B is for Bed - which won't release me
C is for Computer - a small screen I stare
D is for Dinner that mum must prepare
E is Excuses mentioned below
F is for Feelings—when they're right, I go
G is for Garden - much "nearer God's heart"
H is for Healthy - it's too hot from the start
I is Intruders that sit in my pew
J is for Jealousy shown by a few
K is for King's Park, that I love so much
L is the language, it's so out of touch
M is the Money, they always want more
N is for New Tunes, I've ne'er heard before
O is for Overtime, double on Sunday
P is Preparing - I must do for Monday
Q is Queer noises I hear from the choir
R is for Rector—I could never aspire
S is for Sermons, as dull as can be
T is for Telly, I really must see
U is for Union, I don't want to find
V is for Voice of the woman behind
W is Weather - too much rain or snow
X is for Extras - too busy to go
Y is for Young children who run round the back
Z is for Zeal - and that's just what I lack



New Disciples at King's Park Church

On Sunday 7th February 5 new members professed their faith in Jesus Christ joining King's Park Church. This was a wonderful service celebrating the churches 86th Birthday and all members re-dedicating themselves to God. Alex Hardie, Morag Montgomery, (Back), Natalie Hardie, Eleanor Watson and Danielle Davison(front). They are a welcome group of enthusiastic members warmly welcomed into King's Park Church.

Easter Thanks

On behalf of the church I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who took part in making Easter 2016 very special. It was great to have ALL our Easter leaflets delivered, reaching out to everyone in our Parish with God's love. Our Local Joint Lent Study focused on the last sayings of Jesus from Calvary was well supported and enjoyed.

During Holy Week we enjoyed journeying around the local churches sharing in the presence of Jesus and fellowship with our neighbours. Attendance was very much up on previous years, with worship and hospitality enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone who led and prepared and took part in worship and fellowship, and to all the unsung angels behind the scenes.

Well done, good and faithful servants, *Love Sandra*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - APRIL

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| Sun 3rd | 11am Morning Worship |
| Mon 4th | 7.30pm God Tok |
| Tue 5th | 7-9pm KP Chicks, Line Dancing |
| Sun 10th | 11am Morning Worship 6.30pm Evening Worship with informal Communion |
| Mon 11th | 7.30pm God Tok |
| Sun 17th | 9.45am Early Morning Worship 11am Morning Worship |
| Mon 18th | 7.30pm God Tok |
| Wed 20th | 6.30pm Prayer Group 7pm Kirk Session 8pm Congregational Board |
| Sun 24th | 9.45am Early Morning Worship 11am Morning Worship with BB Parade |
| Mon 25th | 7.30pm God Tok |
| Fri 29th | 10.30am D-Café |

May

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| Sun 1st | 11am Morning Worship |
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ASPECTS OF CHURCH - PEACE AND UNITY

Following the series "Both Sides Now" and the advent of Pilot Light it was felt that some development of the nature of our involvement in the various aspects of the family of God should be committed to paper. Therefore, it is the intention to consider various parts of Services of Worship, which will be included in a series of articles starting soon in the magazine.

Thanks were given by the Minister, to all the hard-working committees and convenors in this issue of the magazine. This showed the variety of opportunities for folks to serve and be involved. We should be proud of our Church's activities here in King's Park and hopefully make them attractive to current and future members. Maybe a "behind the scenes" series of articles will help?

NEW ELDERS

On Sunday 6th March nine New Elders were Ordained into the office of Eldership at King's Park Church. All nine had undertaken training from Rona Lanagan, Glasgow Presbytery and being called by God agreed to serve in King's Park Church.

There is a distinct and peculiar prominence of the elder in Presbyterian churches, which take their very name from the biblical Greek word translated as elder: presbyteros. In 1964, immediately after the admission of women to the eldership, the Church of Scotland stated that "The office of elder is one of the spiritual offices of the Church of Scotland and is concerned with the oversight and pastoral work of a congregation."



Those Ordained were:

Front Row from Left: Cath Graham, Gaera Taylor, Millie McCabe, Laura Kirkwood

Middle Row from Left: Ann McNeice, Dougie Mills, Sandra Anderson, Faye Walker, Gary King

Back Row: Alan Pratt(session Clerk) Rev Sandra Boyd (Minister)

We wish them all God's Blessings as they serve Jesus Christ by serving His people.