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Stewardship
a way of life

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

"Treasure the moments where you received love. Those moments will survive long after your money and good health has gone".

***See Proverbs 10:7
1930-2016—86 Years of Spiritual Service***

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CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

No of Communicants on Roll = 576

THE HOLY RITE OF MATRIMONY **“Whom God Hath Joined Together”**

7th April Kevin Black to Claire Louise Hart

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM **“Suffer the Little Children to Come Unto Me”**

3rd April Caydence Jacqueline Glachan, Langcraigs Drive

Prayer Focus

Dear Lord, we pray for our Minister and Pastoral Assistant as they attend the General Assembly and all who deliberate the many matters for discussion. We give thanks for Reverend Drummond who will look after our parish while Sandra and Raymond are away. We give thanks for the freedom to vote in Elections, may we use this privilege wisely, especially those who are voting for the first time. We remember all countries where they are persecuted for speaking out. There are many people who are not allowed to vote as their leaders dictate their will and ideas on their country. All these things we pray in Jesus name. Amen.



FROM THE MANSE. . . A TIME FOR EVERYTHING!!

Dear Friends,

How we spend our time tells a lot about us. We spend time doing things that we enjoy or are important to us; like time with loved ones: husband and wives, children, grandchildren,



The bad news is time flies. The good news is you're the pilot.

~Michael Altshuler

parents and friends. Time using the gifts God has given us, time alone reading, praying, watching the TV or listening to our favourite Radio programme. Our time is precious and personal and we need to use it wisely, or it's gone before we know it. We never seem to make time for anything, if we want time, we have to make it. Time is **free** but it's **priceless**. You can't **own it**, but you **can use it**. You can't **keep it**, but you can **spend it**. Once you've lost it you can **never** get it back.

The National Stewardship Programme works in a 3 yearly cycle looking at Time, Talents & Money. In 2015 we looked at Money and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who generously contributed to our Gift Day. This year our Stewardship Season will be focusing on **TIME**.

When we each Professed our Faith in Jesus we promised to give a fitting proportion of our Time, Talents and Money. Apart from Sunday Worship when do we serve God with our time, in church or in our community? The prophet Hosea writes: *Sow righteousness for yourselves, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unploughed ground; for it is time to seek the LORD, until he comes and showers his righteousness on you.*

Time spent with God, or other people is always worthwhile, the most precious gift you can give to anyone. Make time to listen and then respond to God's plan for your life and the life of His church. As it says in Psalm 62: *Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.* Listen carefully for God's call to you, trust him and take the time to follow where he leads you.

How are you going to use your time serving God this week?

Wishing you all God's Blessing's, love Sandra

Editor's Extras...

As we head into summer and holiday time in King's Park Church and organisations have completed their activities for another year, there is never a total "close down" here and new beginnings are underway for our new members, who, by Profession of Faith have joined our ranks and our New Elders adding their talents to our Church administration. We also commence another year of Stewardship. This year is it **TIME**, there is an article in this magazine explaining how you can give of your time for our Church or others. Have a think about what you can offer, nothing is too small and then come along on 12th June and purchase someone's time.

In this issue we start a series of articles on the Services, both spiritual and temporal that our Church provides, under the heading "Aspects of Church". The first feature, by Sandra, reflects on funerals. We are re-introducing a Children's page this month and if the reaction to this is favourable, the we could continue it.

Can I also remind everyone that this is YOUR magazine and if you ever want to post an article, air your views etc. we would be delighted to hear from you.

Keep the Faith, *WP*

Correction: In the April Edition, Page 8, Congregational Board Report —should have read *Mr Hugh MacKinnon resigned*.

Pondering Our Mission Statement

Sharing God's Love:

- He is Risen, John 20:1-18, Mark 16: 12-16
- The Last to Know! John 20: 19-31
- The Church's Foundation Psalm 118, Ephesians 2: 17-22
- What is Worship? Psalm 23, Revelation 4:1-11

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

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	<u>March</u>
<u>INCOME</u>	
Offerings	9,692
Last Year Offerings	11,409
Difference +/-%	-15%
YTD Difference +/-%	-3%
Regular Monthly Income	1,515
HMRC - Gift Aid	458
Hall Hires	847
Donations - Funeral	200
Donation - Church Microphone	200
Charitable Offerings & Donations	526
Total Month's Income	<u>13,438</u>
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<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Regularly Monthly Costs	13,766
One off Costs	185
Total Month's Costs	<u>13,951</u>
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Monthly Income vs (Costs)	-513

Comments

Offerings show a 15% decrease on last year, and are 3% (£702) down on last year as at end of March. Hall Hire income received during the month was £847. Donations of £200 were received from funerals and £200 towards a Church microphone. One off costs in March included repairs to Sound System of £162. The shortfall in income over expenditure for the calendar month was £513

THE GUILD

Our current session came to a close on Wednesday 30 March with our Daffodil Tea. Before that, however, we held our AGM on 16 March. At the AGM, Margaret, our President opened the meeting, and after a hymn, prayer and some intimations, she invited our minister, Rev Sandra Boyd to conduct the business part. Margaret Atkins, our Leprosy Mission Representative, then gave an up-to-date report on the amount of money donated to TLMS by both Guild members and friends of the Guild. This year's total amounted to £750, which was only £5 less than in the previous year. She thanked everyone on behalf of TLMS, and urged us all to keep up the good work. After the AGM, we held a "Bring & Buy" sale which raised the amount of £62, so thanks to all who donated and bought items for this sale.

We had our half-day outing to Cardwell Bay on 23 March, and this was most enjoyable. Our thanks goes to Norma, who organises all our bus outings. This was followed by our Daffodil Tea on 30 March, when the guests were the One Way Gospel Singers. This was an excellent group, who entertained us with most uplifting songs, Bible readings and poems. This was very much enjoyed by all who came along.

Following the visit to the Guild from Canine Partners, a special Tuesday Coffee Morning was held by Mrs Millie McCabe in aid of this organisation. Two ladies from Canine Partners also visited the Coffee Morning, accompanied by two of the dogs. The amazing sum of £175 was raised, which will be much appreciated, so thank you, Millie for hosting this event.

Our President, Margaret, would like to thank the Guild Committee, our pianist, Barbara, all the willing helpers who help to clear up after our special evenings and the Guild members themselves for all their support throughout the session. It is all very much appreciated.

Finally, our annual Bus Outing will take place on Wednesday 4 May. This year we are going to Peebles. Further details will be given nearer the time. Our new session will begin on Wednesday 5 October 2016 at 2pm, so please enjoy your summer break and we will see you all again on that date.

E Gillespie - Secretary

Our Golden Years . . .

Hopes

When I was sixty-two or so, I thought I might retire
 A newish life, some time with the wife, slippers by the fire
 Three holidays a year looked good, a garden in full bloom
 I'd change my ways, have balmy days; TV's in every room
 I'd have some hobbies in my life; and join a social club
 Look after grand kids once a year; have a Jacuzzi tub
 Play golf and swim, a garden trim, computers I could learn
 And as these are my Golden Years "brownie points" to earn
 I could help with charities, share in the common cause
 And if it happens that I'm free; a mate to give me pause
 Visit with my kith and kin, don't put them to the sword
 And, at my age, to save my soul, pray and praise the Lord

Reality

But retirement does not work like that, you puff and pant,
 you are too fat,
 Your wife still works to earn a crust, it really has become a must
 To get a week in Aviemore; to dig your garden makes you sore
 Your balmy days are barmy nights, you're taking pills to keep you
 right,
 There's one TV on which you dote, a precious thing is your remote
 Unless your family moves away, you see your grand kids every day
 The only soaking that you get, is playing golf out in the wet
 Computers are for younger folk, the language used is just a joke
 Help with computers! You groan, the only just cause is your own
 And for no woman could you care, you have no energy to spare
 Your family stay way out of touch, they may not see you very much
 They have their life, in what they do; you hope a better one than
 you,
 Your Golden Years you do accord, what is left?
 Yes, Praise the Lord

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.

KING'S PARK BRASS – Spring Update

The band's annual Summer Concert will take place in the church on Tuesday 21st June at 7:30pm.



The Senior Band's programme will be made up of music requested by players in the band!

The major pieces include a selection from Mary Poppins and a medley entitled "Tom Jones in Concert". There will be some traditional brass band music, namely, the march, Cross of Honour, and Clog Dance, both featured in the film "Brassed Off" which is 20 years old this year.

For you information, the piece receiving most votes from band members was the emotional "Hymn to the Fallen" from the film, Saving Private Ryan.

The Youth and Junior Bands will also perform on the night

We look forward to seeing you there!

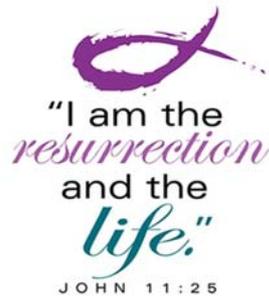
FLOWER FUND



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

ASPECTS OF CHURCH - Funerals . . .

Funerals are not the most exciting of topics to start off with, but it is something very important and something we are better thinking about and planning when we are fit and well. I was dusting my Mum's bedroom last year when she had broken her ankle and when I lifted her jewellery box I came upon a piece of paper with 8 hymns listed on it. When I took it through to my Mum she told me those were her favourite hymns and we could choose from the list to play at her funeral. I couldn't imagine why she put the list there but she told me that the family would need to divide her jewellery so we would pick it up. I told her that it wouldn't be the priority when she died so we could have missed it.



So that got me thinking, where is the best place to leave any instructions about your funeral, that is if you haven't already discussed it with your family. The first official thing needed after a death is the Birth Certificate, so it makes sense to have any information alongside this.

It used to be that only ministers and Elders could have a funeral in the Church but that has long since disappeared. Nowadays you have a choice, so if you would like a Church funeral followed by, usually a cremation or burial, then please remember and write this down. Many of the next generation don't frequent Church but knowing that they are going somewhere you loved being can bring peace. In fact someone who never came to Church, after his wife died and her service was in Church, now comes regularly as he finds comfort being here. Kings Park Church is so beautiful and peaceful that a funeral service here is an opportunity to celebrate life in God's House where many of us enjoy spending great deal of our time.

The biggest difficulty people face is choosing hymns. "I'm not sure which hymns were their favourite, I don't really know any, what is appropriate to sing at a funeral?" I suggest choosing hymns that

will lift spirits rather than lower them. Some hymns even if I was in the best place in the world would reduce me to tears, so why not choose uplifting or resurrection hymns to reflect our faith and hope of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord. Hymns like; Great is thy faithfulness, "Thine be the glory", "How great thou art" to name but a few. It gives our loved ones great comfort to know that they are singing what you would have wanted and enjoyed, making the service very personal, unique just for you.

Also it is surprising how little families know about each other especially the early school and family years. Why not jot down a few details: schools attended, family holidays, things you enjoyed doing at school or outside school that possibly influenced later life, what was your first job, or subsequent jobs, how you met your husband/wife, where you were married, honeymoon, dates and houses lived in? All these things correctly noted down can save a huge amount of anxiety and stress. In fact having an afternoon chatting about these things can be a special thing to share together. Again sooner rather than later, as we all know we tend to forget things as time goes by.

All this sounds quite morbid but reflecting on a life well lived can be an interesting and very rewarding thing to do at any time in life. I usually say that you should always learn something you never knew about the person whose funeral you are attending.

This isn't an easy thing to broach. But it is so important and even essential in celebrating the life of your loved one. Sit down and have that conversation. It can usually be a great deal of fun and so rewarding and you might even learn a thing or two yourself.

Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today.
Is today the day?





CHRISTIAN AID - ERSKINE BRIDGE SPONSORED WALK

Saturday 7 May 2016 2pm - 5pm

For the 29th year we take to the Erskine Bridge to walk in support of people living in poverty.

This year the walk is restricted to the bridge, so there's no chance of getting lost!

Last year's walk was really worthwhile with the KP participants (all four of them) raising a brilliant £771. Can we do better in 2016? – of course we can - we've already got more walkers registered, but we could always do with more. Transport to Old Kilpatrick (the starting point) is available, so don't let that put you off.

Come and join the KP team for a fun time – it's a great afternoon out for all ages and the weather always seems to be kind. Please let Alan Pratt know, as soon as possible, if you would like to take part – call 07776 328914.

THE MAGAZINE

If anyone would like to assist in some capacity in the compilation or especially in the distribution of our magazine they would be made welcome. Also, the magazine is produced as an information tool so please use it. Remember a copy can be found on our website.

TRANSPORT TO CHURCH

Anyone willing to "give a lift" to the Church to those unable to attend otherwise, please contact Mr Alan Pratt or Mrs Joan Dudley. Thanks.

THE ART CLUB

This year we are holding our art exhibition and sale of work on Saturday 28th May from 10am until 12 noon. Tea, coffee and home baking will be provided and money donated will be given to Erskine, our chosen charity.

SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING NEWS

At time of writing the sun is now shining and it's time for another spring clean! Our twice yearly textile collection will take place from the morning of **Sunday 8th May** until the evening of **Thursday 12th May** inclusive. All donations of clothing, bedding, curtains etc. will be gratefully received at the Church any time during this period, note we cannot take duvets, pillows or cushions but we do take shoes, bags and belts. There will be collection bags available at the Church, however, if you have textiles already in bin bags then we will be happy to take them as they are. The Church will be open weekdays as usual from 9am until 12 noon and from 6.30pm until 9pm. If you have a donation and would find it difficult to get it to the Church please contact me on 647 4447 and we will be happy to collect it from you. A donation by weight of collection will be made to the Church so every item, no matter how worn you think it is extremely valuable to us!

Our Summer Fete will be held on **Saturday 4th June** from 10 until 12 noon. There will be a variety of stalls including, coconut shy, sponge throwing, lucky dip, bottle stall, glitter tattoos, there will also be a plant stall, home baking stall, craft stall, card stall, candle stall and a strawberry tea room as well as bacon and sausage rolls. We hope to involve the whole community in our Summer Fete, so do please come along and support this event. Weather dependent, we will have stalls in and around the grounds of the Church so there will be no missing us on the day! If anybody would like to volunteer to help can you please let one of the committee know. If you have any donations for the bottle stall can you please place them in the box at the pulpit side door from now onwards. All donations for the home baking stall can be handed in to the Church on the evening of Friday 3rd June or on the morning of the fete. Thank you in advance for your support. We look forward to another fun filled and successful Summer Fete.

Lynda Young, on behalf of the Social & Fundraising Committee



*The Gift
of Time!*

God's Gift of Time

Dear Friends, King's Park Church is following a 3 year cycle of Stewardship and this year we are focusing on **TIME**.

The Stewardship Team would like each of us to reflect on what gifts we have and how we could offer these gifts and abilities to help other people. Perhaps you have gardening skills, computer skills, baking or culinary skills, sewing or knitting skills, dress making skills. Perhaps you have a passion for spring cleaning or could take people out for the day, or have them around for dinner. Could you offer your time to spend with someone who is housebound freeing up someone for a few hours.

The list is as endless as your gifts and imagination.

If you would like to offer your time, detailing the gifts you are willing to give (e.g. gardening, visiting, baking etc.) or receive further information please contact Sandra Boyd 637 2803 or Lynda Young 647 4447 as soon as possible.

Then please come along on **Sunday 12th June 2016** in the **Large Hall immediately** after worship to purchase a gift of time.

WORLD MISSION NEWS

In addition to Christian Aid, shown separately in this issue, the Committee will concentrate this year on promoting Fair Trade products and it is hoped that all organisations and members will assist in this venture. Remember to put your used stamps in the post box in the foyer to the halls.

CARPET BOWLS

I started last month's article by writing about the weather. This month it is the same. Looking out the window I see a lovely sunny warm day but on going out I soon decided it was not a day for garden work, far too cold. This made me think about the carpet bowls, where the weather doesn't matter. A great game for Scotland... Ian Barr announced that John McCabe had won the aggregate. No one was near enough to catch him. Some ties have been played. One between Jack Halliday and Colin McKinnon was won by Jack. Another tie John Dickson v Jim Riddell was won by Jim with the last bowl. On the 30th of April, a tie between Bill Todd v Jack Halliday was won by Bill Todd. If anyone would like to try carpet bowls, come along and throw a few bowls FREE of charge for the last few days of the season.

The AGM will be held on the 4th May, buffet 1pm.

J Riddell

IT AWARDS

Four members of the IT class received awards for "Adult Achievement at SCQF Level 3"; these are Mr Bill Troop, Mr Ian McKay, Mrs Elizabeth Gillespie and Mr Wilson Paterson. The awards were presented by Newbattle Abbey College at Langside College. Awards like this show that there is some reward for work and attendance at the class, and give the recipients a boost. If anyone wishes to join us on a Monday morning 10am-12noon they would be made most welcome.



Thanks . . .

A big thank you to all who bought Easter cards , you raised £350. I have given it to the General Fund. All this work is for our Church and to GOD'S GLORY. Thank you.

Gaera Taylor

Big thanks to all who supported "PartyLite on Palm Sunday" – especially those who provided the delicious afternoon tea. We had a fun afternoon and the sum of £200 was raised for church funds.

Lorraine & Lyndsie (the PartyLite Girls)

I would like to thank Reverend Sandra Boyd, Raymond Jenkins, Aileen Campbell and Aileen Blair for visiting me during my recent spell in hospital. Sincere appreciation for cards from friends and kind thoughts from the Prayer Group.

May Topping

ABOUT THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

The vision of The Church of Scotland is to be a church which seeks to inspire the people of Scotland and beyond with the Good News of Jesus Christ through enthusiastic worshipping, witnessing, nurturing and serving communities.

The Church of Scotland is one of the largest organisations in the country. We have over 400,000 members, with more regularly involved in local congregations in our work. Within the organisation, we have around 800 ministers serving in parishes and chaplaincies, supported by more than 1500 professional and administrative staff. Most of our parishes are in Scotland, but there are also churches in England, Europe and overseas.

The Church of Scotland works with communities worldwide. At the heart of our work to achieve these aims is one of the largest organisations in Scotland that has a pivotal role in Scottish society and indeed religion throughout the world.

For more information visit www.churchofscotland.org.uk/aboutus

Children's Page . . .



God gave Adam the job of naming all the creatures in the Garden of Eden.
Can you find fifteen white flowers in this picture?

Look up the story of Adam and Eve in the garden in Genesis 2:8-25.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - MAY/JUNE**May**

Sun 1st	11.00am Morning Worship
Mon 2nd	7-9pm God Tock
Tue 3rd	7-9pm KP Chicks—District Nurse
Sat 7th	2pm-5pm Erskine Bridge Walk 4pm-6pm Messy Church
Sun 8th	11.00am Morning Worship 6.30pm Evening Worship with informal Communion Start of Textile Collection until Thursday 12th
Mon 9th	7-9pm God Tock
Sun 15th	9.45am Early Morning Worship 11.00am Morning Worship, start of Christian Aid Week
Mon 16th	7-9pm God Tock
Wed 18th	6.30pm Prayer Group 7pm Kirk Session 8pm Congregational Board
Sun 22nd	9.45am Early Morning Worship 11.00am Morning Worship
Mon 23rd	7-9pm God Tock
Fri 27th	10am D-Cafe
Sat 28th	10am-12 noon Art Club Exhibition & Sale
Sun 29th	9.45am Early Morning Worship 11.00am Morning Worship including the CELEBRATION OF YOUTH
Mon 30th	7-9pm God Tock

June

Sat 4th	10am-12 noon SUMMER FETE 4pm-6pm Messy Church
Sun 5th	11.00am Morning Worship
Mon 6th	7-9pm God Tock
Tues 7th	7-9pm KP Chicks—Ten Pin Bowling
Sun 12th	11.00am Morning Worship including the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Offering God's gifts of time after the Service. 6.30pm Evening Worship including the Sacrament of Holy Communion
Mon 13th	7-9pm God Tock
Wed 15th	Kirk Session Social, time TBC
Sun 19th	9.45am Early Morning Worship 11.00am Morning Worship
Mon 20th	7-9pm God Tock
Tues 21st	7.30pm King's Park Brass Concert in Church
Fri 24th	10am D-Cafe
Sun 26th	9.45am Early Morning Worship 11.00am Morning Worship
Mon 27th	7-9pm God Tock

Note: There will be no early morning or evening worship in July or August.

Easter Celebrations in King's Park. . .



Walk of Witness



Early morning service
In Kings Park

