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

***"Treasure the memories of all God has done in the past - bring them to mind as beacons of the future."
See Jeremiah 31:3-4***

1930-2016—86 Years of Spiritual Service

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CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

No of Communicants on Roll = 566

AT REST

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

27 Oct	Mr Ronnie Martin, Kingsbridge Drive
1 Nov	Mrs Chris Hutchison, Blairbeth Road
13 Nov	Mr James Sibbald, Kingshill Drive
13 Nov	Mr Murdo MacGregor, Montford Ave
14 Nov	Mr John Mitchell, Crosshill Farm



Prayer Focus

Dear Lord, as we prepare for the birth of your son, Jesus Christ, let us stop our rushing around and take time to concentrate on the true meaning of Christmas. Praise the Lord for sending His son in human form to live among us experiencing all that we do. As we meet with friends and family, creating special moments and sharing happy memories, as we do that let us remember all those who are alone or lonely. Think especially of the homeless as the cold winter nights are creeping in.

We ring in the New Year with hope and expectations and we pray for new beginnings as we continue on our path to renewal. Help us to let Jesus take his rightful place in our hearts. Fire us up with a passion to spread your love throughout our community. We pray our New Year resolution will be to do something good for someone as often as we can. Hear our prayers Lord, Amen.

NOTE: CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NUMBER:

As agreed at the Congregation Board, as of the 1st of January there will no longer be a landline in the Manse. The Minister is contactable at all times on her mobile phone. Number: 07919 676242

FROM THE MANSE. . . Hopes, Dreams & Visions

As we approach Advent and start getting ready for Christmas I wonder what your *Hopes, Dreams and Visions* are? Do you hope for parties, time with family and friends, or do you hope that Christmas goes quickly? Are you dreaming of a white Christmas, a peaceful Christmas or a quiet time? Is your vision one of happiness and joy, love and grace or a new start in the New Year? Christmas is a special time, a time for miracles, a time of expectation. But it can only be these things if we see past the glitter, the pretty lights and the tinsel, to the hopes, dreams and visions of a brighter today and tomorrow because of the miracle that happened over 2,000 years ago, of God taking on flesh and coming to live here on earth amongst us.

Mary, Joseph and the Shepherds had visions of Angels, telling them *not to be afraid* but to trust in God's plan and purpose for their lives. And those angels say that to us today if we just listen. Mary and Joseph, when they got over the shock of being pregnant, would have, like many parents, been filled with hope and dreams for their child, who was to be called Jesus, meaning 'God Saves'.

That is a pretty big hope and dream to live up to! But in my limited experience of life, **they** and **we** can get through life with God's Spirit in our heart, His Word on our lips, our family around us and placing our hope and trust in God's plan and purpose for each of our lives. By following and serving Jesus, the only one who can love us unconditionally, forgive our many mistakes, willing to shower us with grace and peace beyond this world's understanding, as well as offering us eternal life through believing in Him, He will reveal to us His hopes, dreams and visions of not only our future but His purpose for our lives and the coming of the Kingdom.

This Advent and Christmas time expect miracles, expect your hopes, dreams and visions to be revealed and experienced because God, our loving Father, only wants the best for **all** His children, this Christmas and always. Wishing you all God's Blessings,

Love Sandra



Editor's Extras

Here we are, at the gate of the year, once again. As we lock the door on one year and open it on another what will we remember about the past year? Apart from our individual personal memories, perhaps our service in Church activities? During the last two months have we been involved in remembering our Nation's Forces in November; those bereaved, in a December Service; and for us, the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, with perhaps a re-confirmation of our faith and belief. We go into 2017, hopefully with peace and hope in our hearts, having received the joy of family connections, including our Church family, resolved to retain the "house" that provides us with comfort every other time of the year.

Happy Christmas and an active New Year.

WP

P.S. There are no Kirk Session or Congregational Board reports as no meetings have been held since the last issue.

Pondering our Mission Statement

Sharing God's Love . . .

- *Love always means saying "I'm sorry", Psalm 84:1-7, Luke 19: 1-9*
- *Carved in Stone, Exodus 20:1-20*
- *A Time for War and a Time for Peace, Ecc 3: 1-15, Luke 23: 38-43*
- *In God We Trust, Psalm 91*

WORLD MISSION - STAMP APPEAL

The Church of South India recently opened the Othara Eco Spirituality Centre, where people can learn about climate change and the importance of conserving the earth God has given us. The 2016 Stamp Project supports some of their ecological innovations including harvesting and the re-use of rain water, among others. It is with gratitude that I can say the amount raised to September 2016 is £2.011. Please continue to post your used stamps in the post box in the foyer to our halls. Thanks again.

WP

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

	£	<u>Oct</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		
Offerings		8,835
Last Year Offerings	8,416	
Difference +/-%	+5%	
YTD Difference +/-%	-1%	
Regular Monthly Income		404
Hall Hires		214
Rental of Church Officer's House		517
Charitable Offerings		301
Donations		180
Guild donation to Heating & Lighting		500
Guild donation to Ministries & Mission		500
Donation to Flower Fund - JB Dawson		500
Sunday Tea & Coffee		132
Total Month's Income		12,083
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<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Regular Monthly Costs		17,410
Fabric works/costs for Church & Manse		1,346
Heating system works		8,136
Charitable Offerings & Donations		228
Total Month's Costs		27,120
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Monthly Income vs Expenditure		-15,037

Comments

Offerings show a 5% increase on October last year, and are 1% down on last year as at end of October. Sundry donations for the month were £1,680. Hall Hire income received during the month was £214. Heating system works cost £8,136
The deficit of spending over income for the month was £15,037

THE GUILD

Our new session is continuing to progress well. On 26th October, Mr David Atkins came along with a most interesting presentation on Parks of Glasgow. We “visited” Glasgow Green, Bellahouston Park and the Botanic Gardens to name but a few. David was accompanied by a friend, Mr Alistair Biggar, who also featured in the presentation. They hope to come back at some future date to show us more of our city’s lovely parks. This was followed on 2nd November by a visit from Mr Richard Woods from Mission International to speak about the Haiti Project, which is one of the Guild’s chosen projects for this session. They plan to build a new multi-purpose facility for the people of Ouanaminthe in Haiti. It will be used as a school, a community centre and will also serve as the Church sanctuary.

We had a lovely evening at our Charity Night, held on 9th November, when we were entertained by the Ian Walker Band, which consisted of Ian, his wife, Mo and their friend, Jimmy. They sang a variety of well-known songs, in which everyone could join in, and some Gospel songs also. Everyone enjoyed the concert, and the Guild would like to thank the people who worked so hard to make the evening such a success, including those who came along to support us, and our faithful band of “willing helpers” who always step in to clear up afterwards. The proceeds, as always will go to our 2 chosen Projects, which, this year are “The Haiti Project” and “Let’s Stick Together.” The amount raised for this event was, at the last count around £253.

On 16th November Jill Scott and Bill Hicks, who were former journalists with the Sunday Post, gave a presentation on the history of the Glasgow Central Hotel. They told us of the many famous people who had visited the hotel throughout the years, including Frank Sinatra, Laurel and Hardy & Roy Rodgers with his horse Trigger. This was most interesting and enjoyed by all who came along.

The first half of our current session will end on Wednesday 7th December and will resume again on Wednesday 11th January 2017 at 2pm.

In the meantime, here is a preview of the syllabus for both January and February:-

January 11	2pm	Rev Sandra Boyd – Baltic Cruise
“ 18	2pm	Evacuees from Guernsey – Mrs Yvonne Neville
“ 25	7.30pm	GUEST NIGHT – David & Izzy – Folk Music

The Guild (Contd..)

February 1	2pm	Project – Let's Stick Together
“ 8	2pm	Rev Bill Ferguson – Topic TBA
“ 15	2pm	Dr Robert Hamilton – J F Kennedy
“ 22	2pm	Malawi Fruits

As we are always happy to welcome new members, anyone wishing to come to any of our meetings, or special events will be made most welcome.

E Gillespie - Secretary

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.

BOWLS UPDATE

Congratulations to the A team who managed to win 33-1. We have outdoors players back and some of our invalids are back with us and able to play. We could always welcome a few more casual or full members to make the competitions more competitive.

Come along on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and/or Fridays, whichever days you wish, at 1.15pm for 1.30pm start. Enjoy an afternoon with a friendly group.

Bowling Committee

REMEMBRANCE DAY & POPPY APPEAL

Thank you to everyone for their assistance at both the Garden of Remembrance and Remembrance Day Services. Your help was very much appreciated at this sad but important time of the year. Our Poppy Appeal this year raised £935.68

Ken Blair (Poppy Appeal)

Glasgow's Disadvantaged Young People **Need YOUR Help Now!**

For nearly a decade, MCR Pathways has been working in secondary schools throughout Glasgow, helping 'care experienced' young people overcome the challenges thrown at them – challenges they face through no fault of their own. Our city's most disadvantaged young people are five times more likely to leave school aged 16 or earlier and more than half end up in unsustainable post-school destinations. This is no surprise as, while care experienced young people have great potential, they often struggle to thrive due to instability in their personal lives. They often don't have positive adult role-models or access to social networks that can introduce them to the workplace.

MCR Pathways has shown that having a **volunteer mentor** is key to unlocking the immense potential in these young people. I am a member of the Glasgow Presbytery Education Committee and have been a mentor with MCR for over a year. It involves a commitment of one hour a week. The only qualifications required are a listening ear and empathy with the young person. Training is given beforehand.

Can you help MCR? Can you volunteer your time to support a deserving young person just like Liam – a youngster who was in care and totally disengaged from education, and who is now a Chartered Surveyor?

Join the city of Glasgow as we lead the way in shattering the cycle of deprivation, low aspirations and lost potential that 'looked-after' young people face.

To learn more and to register to be a volunteer mentor please visit www.youngglasgowtalent.org

Sandra's Ninth...

Like Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, King's Park Church and Sandra, our Minister, have made music together for nine years. Some of this music has been light (Commonwealth Games Legacy Day and God Tock), some heavy (workload amongst others), some happy (Grayson's birth and baptism and Laura's engagement), some sad (the death of prominent members of her "orchestra" - Cathie and Douglas).

But together, the enthusiastic way she "composed" and "arranged" the various sections of her "orchestra" meant she could be asked, on an Interim basis, to lead the "orchestra" in Eastwood. There have been some "adagio" moments as well as some "crescendos" but most of the time, in tune. Any "blues" were interspersed with "easy listening". So, like Schubert's Unfinished Symphony, Sandra, we hope, will continue to lead us in our "spirituals" for many more years.

WP



FLOWER FUND

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

Date for your Diary—Come Along to our Frock Swap

Further to the success of the last couple of years we plan to hold another Frock Swap on Saturday 4th February 2017. Look out for further details in the intimations and on the website.

This will be a 'bring your own bottle' evening, tickets £10. Tea & coffee will be served, with an opportunity to contribute to our silent auction.

If you have any good quality clothes, shoes, accessories, this is your chance to hand them in prior to the evening and receive something new on the night!

Thanks . . .

Many thanks to Joan Dudley for phone calls and lovely flowers she brought me at home after my recent spell in hospital. Also to Raymond for his visit to me in hospital. Trusting I'm on the mend.

Sadie Stevenson

**KP CHICKS FASHION SHOW**

Great fun was had by all who attended the KP Chicks Fashion Show on Tuesday 15th November. The handsome sum of £550 was raised for Church funds. Many thanks to everyone who helped make the evening such a success. Thanks to Hamed, Behrouz and Raymond for putting up the 'Catwalk' and setting out tables and chairs and to all working behind the scenes. Many thanks also to Eyecandy Boutique for presenting the show, to everyone who so generously donated baking and prizes and especially to the models who performed so elegantly on the catwalk. Special thanks also to all who attended, without them the sum raised would not have been possible. Maybe we can have another one next year!

Rosemary K

BB NEWS

Both Junior and Company Sections are progressing steadily with their various badges as the Session heads towards the Christmas/New Year break. The Junior Section's participation in Cathkin District's 7-a-side football league is with the Blue Team, defending their title in 3rd place with 7 points from a possible 9 while the Black Team have still to open their account.



Meanwhile two Company Section boys, Aaron Downie and Stuart McFadden recently attended a Battalion Queen's Badge Skills course.

As this is the last column until 2017, Officers and Boys of each Section extend to all of the congregation best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New year.

Ian Livingstone RO

Behrouz's Story:

I was born in Karaj, Iran. I have six sisters and 1 brother, I have a mother and father, he has two wives, so I have a big family!

I was working in the business of selling when I was introduced to Jesus through my friend. I found my Church so spiritual and interesting. I felt calm and very relaxed when I was there. I had a good feeling when I was praying in Church because it is a safe place for people who were born within Christian families. However, it is dangerous for people who were born in Muslim families and particularly for those who intend to convert to Christianity. I had to flee my country due to my conversion from Islam to Christianity. I had no option but to leave my Iran in order to get to a safe place.

An agent made arrangements for me to leave Iran and I was totally unaware that I would end up in Britain and then Scotland. If Glasgow had nicer weather, this city would have been the heaven on earth! I have found the people in Glasgow to be so very nice, thoughtful and friendly. Their tolerance is so different from what I have experienced in the past.

King's Park Church was introduced to me via one of my friends. I was welcomed warmly to the Church from the beginning. When I attend the Church, it feels like a home to me as everyone there is so nice and friendly. Thank you for your welcome and support.

Behrouz Tavokoli (left) and Hamed Yasaman (right)

We look forward to welcoming Behrouz and Hamed into our congregation as they are baptized and profess their faith here in King's Park. May God Bless them both.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**December**

- Sun 4 11am Morning Worship including Gift Sunday
6.30pm Remembrance Service
- Mon 5 7pm God Tock
- Wed 7 The Guild social followed by a buffet
- Sun 11 11am Morning Worship Sacrament of Holy Communion
6.30pm Evening Worship Sacrament of Holy Communion
- Mon 12 7pm God Tock Christmas Social Evening
- Wed 14 10.30am King's Park Primary School Service
- Fri 16 7pm "It's A Wonderful Life" with mulled wine/mince pies
- Sun 18 11am Nativity Sunday
6.30pm "Night of Miracles"
- Tue 20 7.30pm KP Brass Band Carol Concert in Church
- Wed 21 9.30am Bankhead Primary School Service
- Wed 21 7.30pm in Mure Memorial Church "Night of Miracles!"
- Sat 24 7pm Family Service, refreshments from 6.30pm
11.15pm Watchnight Service, refreshments from 10.45pm
- Sun 25 10am Christmas Day Family Service

January

- Sun 1 11am Morning Worship
- Sun 8 11am Morning Worship
6.30pm Evening Worship including Communion
- Mon 9 7pm God Tock
- Wed 11 2pm Guild
- Sun 15 9.45am Early Morning Worship
11am Morning Worship
- Mon 16 7pm God Tock
- Wed 18 2pm Guild
- Sun 22 9.45am Early Morning Worship
11am Morning Worship
- Mon 23 7pm God Tock
- Wed 25 7.30pm The Guild Social Evening - David & Izzy – Folk Music
- Fri 27 10.30am D-Cafe
- Sun 29 9.45am Early Morning Worship
11am Morning Worship
6.30pm for 7pm Burns Supper with Evening Meal

February

- Sat 4 4pm-6pm Messy Church
- Sat 4 7.30pm Frock Swap



This year the Choir will be performing “**Night of Miracles**” on Sunday, 18th December at 6.30pm. We will be joined this year by the Choir of Mure Memorial Church, Garrowhill.

Please come along and support this as we should have a choir of around 40 leading the praise that evening. We will also be singing this work in Mure Memorial Church on Wednesday 21st December at 7.30pm.

J Buchan, Director of Music

SUNDAY SCHOOL BRING AND BUY SALE

This year's sale will take place on **Sunday 5th February 2017**, immediately after morning worship. All monies received will go towards helping children and young people. Donations of home baking will be gratefully received and they can be handed in to the Iona Hall on the morning of the sale. We look forward once again to your support.

Lynn Adamson

YOUR CHURCH AND PARISH NEEDS YOU!

Calling all able volunteers to assist with the delivery of this year's Christmas leaflet detailing all of our special services, to ensure that all homes and streets are covered and that our invitation to Travel to Bethlehem and Beyond this Christmas-time reaches around the whole Parish. Copies will be available to uplift from the vestibule for distribution from early-December. Many thanks in anticipation of your assistance in this important outreach activity.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who helped at the Christmas Bazaar. To those who helped set up and clear away tables, to stall holders, tea pourers, pancake makers and everyone in between. Thank you for donations and prizes, but most of all, thank you to everyone who came to support our Church. A final total will be given in the next issue of the magazine and in the intimations. In the meantime have a wonderful Christmas and many thanks again.

Norah and Jonathan Buchan, Bazaar Convenors

SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING NEWS. . .

THE 'KINGS PARK STAR' APPEAL

Further to the note in last month's magazine, the Christmas Star appeal was launched on Sunday 27th November and will run until the end of the morning service Sunday 11th December. You can donate to "Bladder Cancer Research at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital" at the front door of the Church after any morning service. A Christmas Card will then be distributed to everyone at the Family Service with your name on it. Thank you for your generous support for this worthy cause at this special time of year.

GIFT FOR JESUS

Again, as per last month's magazine we are asking for your "Gifts for Jesus" on either Communion or Nativity Sunday to be placed under the tree in the sanctuary. Some of the gifts will be opened by those who come along to the morning Service on Christmas Day.

"IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE"

This will be shown on the big screen at 7pm on Friday 16th December with tea/coffee, mulled wine and mince pies. Please bring along your family and friends and enjoy this special social event as we look forward to our Christmas celebrations. Free entry.

BURNS SUPPER

Our Burns Supper will take place on Sunday 29th January 2017, 6.30pm for 7pm. Tickets are now on sale for £10 from any member of the social & fundraising committee, the price will include soup, haggis, neeps and tatties (and a vegetarian option), cranachan and tea/coffee with shortbread.. There will be the usual toasts and entertainment. We look forward to seeing you all there.

On behalf of the whole committee we wish you a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful 2017. Many thanks for your continued support in everything that we do, always in the Lord's name.

Lynda Young (Social & Fundraising Committee)

Some pictures of the recent fashion show:



THE MAGAZINE TEAM WISHES ALL ITS
READERS A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A
PEACEFUL AND JOYFUL 2017